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## Plea to find more voluntary support

MANY more helpers are needed to boost Dudley Council for Voluntary Services as it takes on a bigger role in the community due to local authority cuts.

DCVS is looking to take on another 60 people as it experiences a surge in demand as Dudley Council faces making savings of £34 million over the next three years.

Bosses said it stemmed from volunteer groups taking on venues such as community centres which in the past have been run and maintained by the council.

The service oversees the community organisations now looking after these buildings providing them with advice and support.

More social enterprises, organisations to tackle social problems and improve communities, are also being set up.

Alongside standard volunteers, the service is also looking for people who want to take on leading roles in voluntary organisations.

Two events will be taking place at its offices in Albion Street, Brierley Hill, on May 7 and 10 to find the volunteers needed.

Bosses said they were hoping to find 20 or 30 from each of the events. To book a place call Dale Pickin on (01384) 573381.

## Watchdog recruiting

TWO hundred new staff will be recruited at the police watchdog's new offices near Halesowen to allow it to investigate complaints about the police.

Bosses at the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) are planning to open a base in Quinton by July. The organisation oversees complaints against police forces and officers.

Lawyers, analysts and support staff are among positions being recruited as the PPCC is equips to take on bigger investigations.

# MEDICAL CENTRE PILOT EXTENDED

**A NEW medical centre which opened to help relieve pressure on busy hospital services during the winter has had its pilot period extended.**

The GP-led patient referral centre at Rowley Regis Hospital in Sandwell will remain open until May 30 so that health chiefs can have longer to see how well the service is being used.

The centre is being run by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust with the aim of relieving pressure from Russells Hall and Sandwell General hospitals' accident and emergency wards.

### Funding

The trial was paid for out of a £400 million government funding pot to help the NHS cope with increased strain on its services during the winter period.

James Turner, spokesman for Sandwell Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which commissions health services in the area, said: "The PCAT centre is now running until the end of March as initially planned.

"This is to give the CCG extra time to evaluate its usage."

Since January, the centre has offered a range of services including monitoring and treating patients, referring patients for diagnostic tests, agreeing patient management plans and admitting patients to hospital.

Dr Nick Harding, chairman of Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG and a practising GP himself, said: "As a CCG we have been working with health and social care providers across the area to reduce the increasing demand on A&E

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services over the winter. This new centre is part of our strategy to improve access for patients.

"As a local GP, patients sometimes need further observation but would prefer not to be admitted to hospital, and they can now access continued clinical support at the centre.

"At the moment this is a pilot scheme and as a CCG we will be monitoring its impact over the winter."

It emerged earlier this month that dozens of GP surgeries in the Black Country could open seven days a week as part of new plans to extend opening hours across the country.

Currently only a tiny fraction of practices in the UK are open all week on a full-time basis.

But PM Prime Minister David Cameron has set out plans aimed at making it easier for working people to access medical services at times when practices are traditionally shut.

Meanwhile, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group recently confirmed the walk-in health centre at Holly Hall would stay open until April next year. It will eventually be replaced by an urgent care centre at Russells Hall Hospital.

## Yeltz are 'back where they belong'



**Champions — Halesowen Town players celebrate promotion with their jubilant fans in the club house**

HALESOWEN Town Football Club are celebrating being 'back where they belong' after being crowned league champions.

John Hill's men topped the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Division One South with 91 points to seal promotion after a 0-2 win away at Belper Town.

The Yeltz will now return to the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League's Premier Division – the seventh tier in English football.

Bolstered by more than 200 travelling fans, the victory marks a tremendous turnaround for the club.

Chairman Colin Brookes said: "I have been here 20 years and we have had some rough times of late but this is the icing on the cake.

### Achievement

"It was a wonderful day and a great achievement after hard work from everyone involved in the club.

"The squad have been terrific and we took a huge amount of fans to Belper which made for an unforgettable day in the history of the club."

Manager John Hill said: "It is an unbelievable feeling, absolutely fantastic. "We have won nine games on the

spin and for a team that has not had a great deal of experience at this level it is a brilliant achievement.

"We will enjoy the moment and then I will sit down with the chairman and start discussing plans for next season."

Celebrating the club's triumph back The Grove were long-time supporters and friends and family of the club.

Ron Moseley, 72, a former chairman and fan since 1947, said: "The club is back where it should be and this tremendous rise is among the very best things this club has done."

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## Etheridge hits out at 'vile' Lenny comment

A UKIP candidate has called a former party colleague's comments about Lenny Henry 'vile and repulsive' and said the person who made them should publicly apologise to the popular comedian.

Bill Etheridge, standing for the party in the West Midlands at the European elections, denounced the comments made on social network site Twitter by London candidate William Henwood, saying Dudley-born Mr Henry should emigrate to a 'black country'. The comments were seized upon by those who pointed out that the comedian was from the Black Country.

Mr Henwood, aged 66, who has since resigned his membership, was commenting on Mr Henry's calls for more people from ethnic minorities to be on TV.

Mr Etheridge, also Ukup's prospective parliamentary candidate for Dudley North, said: "I am enraged by the vile and repulsive comments made about Dudley's own Lenny Henry. I publicly call on him (Mr Henwood) to apologise, in lieu of that I wish to apologise myself to Mr Henry and all those, like myself, who were disgusted by the vile statements.

"Ukip is a non-racist, non-sectarian party.

Freeman — see page 3

## 18 to one for each store job

A FURNITURE store will open at Merry Hill shopping centre, creating 10 jobs – after 182 people applied for the roles.

Harveys Furniture will become the third new home store to open within 12 months at the shopping centre on May 10.

Earlier this month, Oak Furniture Land opened its new store, creating seven jobs, while a year ago DFS cut the ribbon for its new shop, employing 22 new staff.

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# Women golfer died after complications

A WOMAN who had an operation to relieve a trapped nerve and slipped disc in her back so she could take up golf again died as a result of rare complications in surgery, an inquest concluded.

Diane Weston, aged 73, of Windsor Road, Stourbridge, had spinal surgery at the West Midlands Hospital, Halesowen, on January 21. The procedure ran smoothly for

more than two hours and then Mrs Weston's blood pressure and carbon dioxide levels dropped rapidly.

The operation was stopped immediately and attempts were made to resuscitate Mrs Weston, a former civil servant.

The specialist anaesthetist and colleagues believed the most probable cause was an embolism, or blood clot, so gave Mrs Weston blood

thinning medication. Resuscitation proved unsuccessful.

A post-mortem later revealed she had experienced a massive haemorrhage in her abdominal cavity.

Dr Iqbal Dhesi, a consultant pathologist at Walsall Manor Hospital, said an artery had ruptured under pressure, perhaps during the operation.

Raj Rao, the anaesthetist, said

he could see no signs of internal bleeding before deciding to administer the blood thinning medication, which may have increased the bleeding. He said he had to decide between 'doing something or nothing'.

The medical cause of death was massive retroperitoneal intra-abdominal haemorrhage and bleeding during spinal surgery.

## Pilgrim's progress for new bishop

PREPARATIONS are under way to welcome the new Bishop of Dudley who will be walking and cycling 30 miles between special services this weekend.

The Rt Revd Graham Usher is guest of honour at two services marking the start of his new ministry.

On Saturday there will be a Eucharist service at St Thomas and St Luke Church (known as Top Church) in Dudley at 4pm. A number of dignitaries from the borough will attend including the Mayor and Mayoress of Dudley. Then on Sunday, Bishop Graham will be installed as a Canon of Worcester Cathedral at Evensong at 4pm.

Between the services Bishop Graham will be cycling and walking the 32 miles from Dudley to Worcester, before crossing the River Severn on the Cathedral ferry.

Bishop Graham said: "I hope that by cycling and walking to Worcester I will be able to undertake my own pilgrimage. This means taking in the landscapes at a slower pace, feeling the earth underfoot and seeing the changing industries, listening to the different sounds and praying for the different communities I pass through."

## Crime writer to meet fans

CRIME writer Tom Bryson will be giving a talk at Blackheath Library during BIG Book Fortnight.

The Black Country author writes about places he knows and will be talking to fans at the library in the High Street on Tuesday from 7.30pm for an hour.

His new novel In It For The Money is set in his home region.

Tickets cost £3 and £1.50 concessions. Contact Blackheath Library on 0121 559 1884 or email [blackheath\\_library@sandwell.gov.uk](mailto:blackheath_library@sandwell.gov.uk). BIG Book Fortnight runs from May 10 to 24.

## Slasher festival

A FESTIVAL celebrating the life of bare-knuckle boxer William Perry, better known as the Tipton Slasher, is being held in a free admission event featuring period boxing re-enactments at Coronation Garden in the town on Sunday from 12.30pm onwards.

# Stalker dubbed 'evil' after bridge tragedy

A STALKER has been dubbed an 'evil, bullying coward' by his ex-girlfriend's family after he was jailed for two years for a 'sustained campaign of harassment' against her.

Kamaljit Sidhu ultimately ended her own life following Ryan Dey's unwarranted attention.

The 29-year-old had finished their 18-month relationship a week before she fell to her death from a bridge over the M6 by junction seven for Great Barr on October 25 last year.

But Birmingham Crown Court heard that he had harassed her in the months leading up to the end of their relationship, stepping up his campaign in the week after she left him. During their time together, Dey had stolen Kamaljit's mobile phone and used it himself and not returned it.

### Objected

Birmingham Crown Court also heard 23-year-old Dey had hacked into her Facebook account to find out who she was talking to and objected to her seeing friends either at home or going to meet them.

The lorry driver would also ring her parents' Great Barr home at all hours, prompting them to change the number, as well as sit outside the house in his car regardless of the time of day and honk his horn so she came outside to see him.

Dey also followed her on the night she died to a restaurant in Birmingham's Arcadian where she had met friends. She was so frightened of him, she hid under the table and crawled away on all fours to the toilet to hide before he left without seeing her, the court heard.

Later, she was dropped off at the junction by the Scott Arms pub by a friend. After returning home, she went back out, crossing the bridge over the M6 to buy a bottle of wine before sitting and drinking. She fell to her death at around 4.30am.

In the week after her break-up, Mr Peter Grieves-Smith, prosect-



Harassment victim, Kamaljit, who was aged 29

ing, said Dey, of Hollyoak Close, Oldbury, sent abusive messages to her on Facebook. He also threatened to reveal personal secrets to her family.

In police interview Dey admitted having beaten Miss Sidhu once, and that during their relationship he had continued another relationship with another woman, with whom he had a child.

Mr Grieves-Smith said Miss Sidhu had believed he would separate from the other woman based on what Dey said to her but that emerged to be an 'empty promise'.

Mr Eugene Hickey, defending, stressed his client pleaded guilty, was remorseful and was immature



The M6 at Junction 7, where Kamaljit Sidhu was killed



Sarbjit Sidhu holds pictures of Kamaljit during a demo

in relationships which led to his inability to control his jealousy. He said he had not anticipated Miss Sidhu would fall to her death and had revisited the scene the day afterwards. Miss Sidhu left a note to friends and family on a Dove moisturiser bottle that was found after her death that said 'I loved you all. I just got weak. Sorry.'

Passing sentence, Judge Michael Chambers said Dey led a 'sustained campaign of harassment', adding: "These matters were a significant factor which caused her to fall off the bridge. On the evidence I have heard I am driven to the inference she did take her own life and what you did was a factor in that." He

sentenced Dey to two years' imprisonment after he admitted a charge of stalking, he will serve half before being released on licence.

Outside court, Miss Sidhu's mother Sarbjit said: "Does Ryan Dey really realise the damage he has inflicted on my beloved Kam, me and my family? We will never forget our baby Kam."

"Ryan Dey is evil. He is a bully and a coward and had put my daughter through hell with his control and abuse and will never be forgiven for what he has caused."

Friends and family stood with Mrs Sidhu, carrying banners and posters calling for victims of domestic abuse not to suffer in silence.

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# Memorial bid for machine makers

A MONUMENT commemorating an engineering firm based in Dudley could be built in time to coincide with an event to celebrate the Black Country.

Former workers of Simon Engineering are waiting for approval from Dudley Council to put up the 4ft high headstone-style structure at the corner of Angel Street and Queen's Cross, where the firm was based from 1954 to 1975. They hope to get the nod from planners so it can be unveiled on Black Country Day, July 14.

The firm was famous for making the Simon Snorkel, an hydraulic platform used for functions including fire-fighting. More than 13,000 of the machines were built by the company in Dudley, which moved to a base opposite Russells Hall Hospital in Pensnett Road, in 1975 before ceasing operation in Dudley 20 years later.

The monument is the idea of Tom Mullen, chairman of the Simon Engineering Retirement Association. The 81-year-old former floor operator of Hurst Hill, Coseley, said: "The funding is all sorted, we're now just waiting on approval for the plans then we can think about placing the monument. We're hoping we can get built in time for Black Country Day."

# Reeling out movie votes

THE films shown at a popular outdoor festival are this year being left up to a public vote to decide screenings.

Voting is now open to choose the movies for this year's Film Festival at Brindleyplace in Birmingham.

With a theme of 1980s versus 90s, the annual film festival will take place between July 7 and 13 in Central Square, and is free for everyone to attend.

Last year's festival attracted more than 12,000 visitors, making it Brindleyplace's most successful event to date. To vote visit [www.brindleyplace.com](http://www.brindleyplace.com)

# Canal help call

COOMBESWOOD Canal Trust is looking for more volunteer to help remove rubbish from the Dudley Number Two Canal.

More information is available from the Hawne Basin based group's website [www.hawnebasin.org.uk](http://www.hawnebasin.org.uk)

# Inconsiderate motorists cause car park chaos



Commuters returning to their cars at Cradley Heath found them trapped by other motorists who had parked outside the marked bays

AROUND 170 drivers had their cars trapped for three hours by selfish motorists at an overcrowded car park in Cradley Heath.

Now transport bosses are threatening to fine drivers using free park and ride sites if they do not use a marked space.

Centro, the transport authority, is making the move and train and Metro station car parks following a surge in complaints from other motorists.

At Cradley Heath, 170 cars were blocked in for three hours as a result of a line of vehicles parked outside of marked bays. On

another occasion 80 correctly-parked vehicles were blocked in by just one car. Similar problems have also been found at car parks in Rowley Regis, Coseley, Wolverhampton Priestfield, Wednesbury Parkway, Selly Oak, Whitlock's End and Northfield.

A car park management company is being considered for the sites and could start working this summer but clamping is not being considered. Stephen Rhodes, Centro director of customer experience, said: "It has become increasingly common for users unable to find a space to just park where they can, and this has to stop."

# Lenny reflects with pride as he flies flag for borough

HIS partner jokingly calls him **Morgan Freeman** but funny man **Lenny Henry** says he is taking his newly appointed role as **Freeman of Dudley** seriously as he opened the town's archives centre.

Unveiling a plaque inside the £6 million archives and local history centre in Tipton Road, the Dudley-born 55-year-old spoke of his passion for the Black Country.

He said work to revamp the town's market and zoo alongside the presence of the Black Country Living Museum made his "heart glow" and gave his personal backing to Black Country Day this July.

The Dudley-born comic even posed for photographs outside the centre holding the Black Country flag with the borough's Mayor Alan Finch.

Lenny, who was made Freeman of Dudley last year, said: "It's my great honour as the Morgan Freeman of Dudley — that's what my missus calls me — to pull the curtain."

"It's been two years in the making, it's moved from Coseley, it's beautiful, I'm going to pull this curtain back and hopefully there will be a picture of me in the Express & Star from 1975."

## Tradition

He added: "The fact they are doing the market is wonderful. The zoo has had a makeover and this is tied in with the Black Country Living Museum — these are all things which make my heart glow."

"It's not just about commerce, it's not just about money, it's about the history, and it's about tradition. I think that Dudley has a great tradition as a market town, as somewhere which is important in the Black Country in its own right."

The centre took two years to create and replaces the old archives centre in Mount Pleasant, Coseley.

Its wide rooms are filled with shelves crammed with more than 33,000 precious photographs, records and illustrations detailing the history and development of the borough.

Lenny, who grew up on Dudley's Buffery estate, started out working on the controversial Black And White Minstrel Show before getting his big break doing impressions on the talent show New Faces, said: "If you



Lenny Henry reflects on his the official unveiling of archive centre

don't know where you are from, you don't know where you are going.

"This is a wonderful facility and I hope the whole of Dudley take it on with pride and use it as a research place and where to find their roots."

"It's part of the whole rejuvenation of Dudley, which I really really applaud. I want to see Dudley back with a marvellous market place, the zoo being used to its full capacity and this being used by everybody."

He added: "The Black County has a lot to offer. We have the canals, we have the museum, we have this, we have got the engine room of Britain, we were a massive part of

industrial revolution — why can't we be a strong Black Country and present an alternative to Birmingham."

Lenny was given a tour of the centre with the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Finch. It was Lenny's first official engagement since being granted the Freedom of Dudley at a civic ceremony in October.

For the opening, a small section was dedicated to him and his achievements.

Lenny said: "I've been talking to the mayor and local councillors about being more involved and doing local stuff and I'm looking forward to that."

Councillor Finch said: "Lenny has been



Lenny Henry proud of his links with the Black Country

fantastic, we joked he will be going up the town centre to audition for X Factor next, so much is he doing for the borough at the moment.

"The archives centre is excellent and a great addition to the town's growing list of attractions."

Dudley South MP Chris Kelly was also at the official opening.

He said: "It's a brilliant centre and a perfect choice to get Lenny down here to open it. We have a lot in the Black Country to be proud of. It's great to know have somewhere like this people can discover the region's past."

## NEWS in brief

### Zoo sees record Easter visitors

AROUND 27,000 people poured through the gates of Dudley Zoo this Easter — making the holiday one of the attraction's best on record. There was a record breaking turnout on Good Friday alone as visitors topped almost 4,300.

Chief executive Peter Suddock revealed the figures came off the back of a successful 2013 with 250,000 visitors. "There was much interest in our newly-restored Tecton structures — the entrance and Safari Shop," he said.

### New boss for the police coffers

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands has announced the new chair of a committee which oversees the finances of the police force.

Susan Davis CBE has taken over as chair of the joint audit committee for the commissioners office and for the Chief Constable. The committee is responsible for financial governance and duties. Mrs Davis is currently Chair of Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.

### The slow road to broadband

A ROAD in Dudley has been named the 50th slowest in the country for broadband connections. Wordsworth Road, Lower Gornal, had a rate of 2.04 megabits per second (Mbps), according to research by online comparison site uSwitch.com.

Summerfield Road, Clent, was 21st with 1.32 Mbps. Worst in the region was Maple Crescent, Alveley, with 0.91 Mbps.

### Minority of pubs sold for conversion

AROUND 40 per cent of pubs sold by a Midlands property firm in 2013 were redeveloped into something else. Fleurets' Birmingham office has released figures for its pub sales last year.

It showed that 60 per cent of the sold buildings did remain in use as residential, shops or educational use.

### Show sew popular

ORGANISERS of shows held at the NEC reported a 20 per cent increase in visitors. ICHF Events said more than 35,000 visited Sewing For Pleasure, Fashion Embroidery & Stitch and Hobbycrafts this year.

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OH, the indignity! From now on, anyone borrowing money to buy a house will have to convince the bank that they can afford the repayments. This tough new procedure has been denounced by one City slicker as "onerous and intrusive." The rest of us will regard it as common-sense – especially if it's my bank lending the money.

IT was, of course, a lack of such financial control under the Blair/Brown governments that led directly to Britain's financial crisis. I recall one couple some years ago at the height of mortgage-madness who told me they'd borrowed £400,000 to buy a restaurant without any savings or proof of income. It all ended in tears, for them and millions like them.

"THE most thankless job in the world." Correspondent Peter Osborne's description of the minister for tourism in Syria.

UKIP stands accused of racism over its election posters. But then we are all racists – it's just a question of how low you set the qualifying bar. I was accused of "appalling racism" a few days ago for suggesting that the US diplomat Zbigniew Brzezinski had a name like a winning line in Scrabble. A Daily Telegraph reader recently described being ticked off by a teacher for uttering the word "blackboard" (negative ethnic overtones, apparently). Ukup's posters are certainly blunt, but then whoever said election posters had to pussyfoot around the issues?

A FRIEND whose car mysteriously broke down and refused to start has been told by the garage that it's probably a fault with the immobiliser. On the other hand, it could be the immobiliser working perfectly but at the wrong time. Progress, eh?

OUR changing language. Did you catch the lady from the Met Office promising us "a sandwich of sunshine"? We got a doughnut of damp.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Advisers out to help slash road congestion

**HUNDREDS of families living along one of the Black Country's busiest bus routes will be visited by 'travel advisors' under a scheme to tackle congestion on major routes.**

West Midlands transport authority Centro is providing free travel packs for hundreds of homes along sections of the busy No4 route in Sandwell.

Over the next five months travel advisers will visit up to 5,000 homes along the route to help those wanting to make the switch to public transport, car-sharing, walking or cycling.

The first advisers will hit the streets on May 5 in Blackheath and Cradley Heath, and will draw up bespoke travel packs in a bid to tackle congestion and help residents beat petrol and parking costs.

Rachel Evans, Centro's education and community team leader, said: "We have already invested into improving infrastructure in this area to reduce the congestion that can sometimes occur and bespoke travel advice can support this."

"This route is an important one in connecting residents to key places like West Bromwich town centre and Sandwell College and our advisers will help tailor travel packs to suit each household's specific needs."

The scheme has been launched as part of Centro's Smart Network, Smarter

**By Adam Grinsell**

Choices carbon cutting project. It comes on the back of more than £1 million invested by Centro and Sandwell Council in improving traffic flow along the route, which connects Blackheath with Walsall.

The work has seen more changes to junctions, and bus priority measures and crossings have been upgraded to provide better facilities for pedestrians.

Centro held an exhibition last Thursday at Cradley Heath High Street to give residents the chance to find out more about the project.

In addition to tailored travel packs, the advisers will provide support including free public transport tickets, adult cycle training and local community guides.

Nick Bubalo, Sandwell's director of regeneration, said: "This scheme is an excellent way of telling residents about the benefits of public transport."

Visit [www.mynetwork.org.uk](http://www.mynetwork.org.uk) for more details.

## Tobacco rouse up in smoke



Part of the illegal tobacco haul found in the car

A TAXI driver's attempt to smuggle 250 kilos of tobacco went up in smoke when his car burst into flames on the M5 near Halesowen.

Hawraz Mohammed Salih was working as private-hire driver in Wolverhampton but was caught with tobacco worth £50,000 in tax duty in black bin bags.

Salih, aged 39, was driving southbound on the M5 in April last year when his blue Vauxhall Astra caught fire.

Fire crews put out the flames and discovered the non-duty-paid tobacco hidden in the back of the taxi.

HM Revenue and Customs officers were alerted and Salih of Crosby Close, Whitmore Reans, Wolverhampton, was arrested.

He claimed he had been flagged down near his home by an unknown man, who had paid him £100 to take the consignment to a Gloucestershire address and he said he was unaware excise duty had not been paid.

Salih admitted evading duty and last week at Worcester Crown Court he was given a 12 month community order.

## Joining forces in bid to cut energy bill

HOUSEHOLDERS are being urged to sign up to a campaign to help get the best deal on energy bills.

Dudley Council has launched their fourth big switch campaign as part of a national initiative in which councils take part in collective energy auctions.

The big switch aims to encourage large numbers of residents to join forces under the council banner to secure the best tariffs from energy suppliers.

### Deadline

The council is urging people to register by the June 9 deadline. The more people that register, the greater the opportunity to gain a better deal from energy providers but there is no obligation to switch, as some homes may be on the best tariff possible.

Once the auction has taken place, successful energy companies will write to those registered with their offer. At this point people can choose to switch if they wish.

John Polychronakis, chief executive at Dudley Council, said: "Although the winter months are now behind us, this isn't a time to be complacent. I would encourage residents to act now against increasing fuel prices by registering."

Register at [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) or call Dudley Council Plus on 0300 555 2345.

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## MP joins mental health 999 patrol

AN MP has joined a paramedic, police officer and mental health nurse to see how a pilot scheme is helping patients.

It sees a dedicated mental health team attend ambulance call outs to ensure patients receive appropriate care they need.

James Morris, MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, joined the Birmingham-based team at an incident to see how it helps mental health patients.

Since its launch in January as a pilot between West Midlands Ambulance Service, West Midlands Police and Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Trust, the scheme has dealt with more than 700 incidences.

Robert Cole, the ambulance service's head of clinical practice for mental health, said: "That's 700 patients that have been given dignified and appropriate mental health care which has significantly improved their patient experience and often avoided the need for the police to detain them in a police cell or for them to attend A&E."

Mr Morris, who is chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Mental Health, said: "'This new street triage scheme is a fantastic initiative that is helping to make sure that people who are very ill are taken to the most appropriate place for their needs."

# Metal firm fined £1,000 after worker is injured

**A METAL works firm has been fined £1,000 after a worker lost part of a finger in an unguarded machine.**

P&D Group Services Ltd said it had learnt lessons from the accident, which happened at its base off Old Bush Street in Brierley Hill. Dudley Magistrates' Court heard how a 36-year-old worker from Rowley Regis had been operating machinery which folds metal strips into hollow tubes to form parts of a shutter.

**Report by Alex Ross**

When a dent appeared in the sheets, he tried to feel what was causing the problem but his glove got caught and his finger was pulled into a roller. He had to have the top of his finger amputated and was off work for seven weeks. He has since returned to the company, doing the same job.

Following an investigation by the Health and Safety Executive, it was discovered the machine had been unguarded during the incident on September 25. The company was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,414 costs after pleading guilty to a breach.

Health and Safety Executive inspector John Glynn told the court: "This was not an isolated incident on a single day. Lack of guarding had persisted over a period of time, meaning there was an inevitability of someone being injured at some point. This employee suffered a shocking and painful injury that was entirely preventable. It was P&D Group's responsibility to ensure work equipment was safe and that dangerous moving parts were guarded. For some time the company required staff to approach the danger area around the rollers to set up and adjust the machine during production runs, yet continuously failed to identify and address the matter of the missing guards.

"Preventing access to dangerous parts of machinery is a legal requirement and there is ample guidance and industry standards."

A spokesman for P&D Group Services Ltd, which trades as Insulated Roller Shutter Projects, said there had been 'enormous' improvements made at the firm since the incident. He said all machinery now had guards, adding: "We have learnt from this incident."

## Hairs how Livy helped child charity



**Livy Hudson, seven, with her hair which was plaited before being cut off and donated to a charity that makes wigs for children**

A KIND-HEARTED little girl has had her luscious locks chopped for the first time in seven years to help children without hair.

In fact, it was the first time seven-year-old Livy Hudson had had first hair cut.

The Tenterfields Primary School pupil, of Hardwick Drive, Halesowen, said: "I saw a little girl on TV who had cut her hair off for children that didn't have any. I didn't want children thinking they didn't want to go to school because they hadn't got any hair."

Livy had her hair cut on at Duo Hairdressers, Stanley Road, Oldbury, which donated the cost of the cut.

Her hair will now be given to the Little Princess Trust which creates wigs. Livy also raised more than £400 for it. Her mother Amy, aged 30, said: "Her hair was down to her waist before, and now it's just under her chin."

"We set a target of £150, and now we have over £400 so she has done really well with her donations. She has been talking about it for a long time, but I wanted to make sure she was sure, I'm really proud of her." To donate visit [www.justgiving.com/Amy-Hudson2](http://www.justgiving.com/Amy-Hudson2)

## NEWS in brief

**English lessons needed by giraffe**

WEST Midland Safari Park has added five giraffe to its collection as part of a breeding programme.

All five received extra indoor care during the wettest winter on record. They can now be seen in the African Plains area of the drive-through the attraction near Kidderminster.

Head keeper Noel Carey said: "For those animals raised in the UK, settling down was relatively easy. For those arriving from Europe, it was a different matter."

"It was evident that as the keepers chatted to them in English, the giraffe appeared quite bemused."

"We can only surmise that the giraffe simply didn't know what the keepers were talking about!"

**Trio hits the right notes for charity**

A MUSIC act helped raise £680 for the RNLI with a fundraising night.

Singing trio The Three Tones were in concert at the Somers Sports and Social Club, Halesowen.

The group, of Neil Greenway, David Lawrence and Jessica Holgate, performed at the event for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

The event was organised by the Halesowen branch of the RNLI. Chairman Jean Hadley said: "I am thrilled with the results of the evening and thanked everyone for their support."

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## IN MY VIEW

WITH  
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BILL Nighy once remarked that very little stirred him to feelings of patriotism.

The professional luvvie, best known for his role in the saccharine-soaked romantic comedy *Love Actually*, said: "I'm always slightly suspicious of anyone carrying a flag, of any colour."

So how did anybody ever think it would be a good idea casting him in the role of Sgt Wilson for a remake of that most patriotic of sitcoms, *Dad's Army*?

Remakes of much-loved films and television shows are a minefield at the best of time. Think the 2006 version of *The Pink Panther*, with Steve Martin taking the role of Peter Sellers as the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. What was all that about?

Or even worse, the 2009 'reboot' of *Minder*. Really, we should have known from the start that this would be a turkey. Anything that brands itself a 'reboot' is certain to be hateful.

But *Dad's Army*? There are really some things you should never touch.

This series was the epitome of Britishness, a tale of the stolid underdog who would fight to the death in the face of any adversity.

It was also a brilliant comedy of manners, pitting the chippy, working-class-lad-done-well Mainwaring against the foppish, lazy dilettante Sgt Wilson.

It is hard to see how a metropolitan intellectual like Nighy would fit in with this.

And besides, what is the point? Maybe there would be a case for the BBC trying to remake some of the early episodes which have been lost. But a glossy, cinematic remake? It's wrong, wrong, wrong.

I don't know who came up with the idea, but I suspect that if Sgt Wilson were around, he would have some gentle words of advice.

"Do you think that's wise, Sir?" And no doubt Captain Mainwaring would be much more direct: "Stupid boy!"

Or, as Warden Hodges would say: Ruddy hooligans.

TALKING of Bill Nighy, it seems that the police in Bristol seem to have taken another one of his films to heart.

After hearing reports of a stolen moped they sent five high-powered police cars and helicopter to pursue the rogue riders.

But on discovering that the fugitives weren't wearing crash helmets, the boys in blue decided to slow down the pursuit to a snail's pace to comply with health and safety guidance.

The chase lasted for two-and-a-half hours.

Lads, lads. Hot Fuzz was a comedy. Not a training video.



Some of the memorabilia that are on display



Duncan Edwards Way on Dudley Southern Bypass



The statue of Duncan in Dudley town centre

# Following the trail of legend Duncan

A new leaflet maps out Dudley's tributes to its famous footballing son. **LEE WATTON** takes a stroll

**HE was the home-grown footballing hero who tragically died in an air crash aged just 21.**

But Duncan Edwards still occupies a special place in the hearts and minds of fans across the globe and many still make the pilgrimage to Dudley in honour of his memory.

And now they are able to follow in the great man's footsteps with the launch of a trail showcasing the various town landmarks linked to the legendary player. It will take supporters from the stained glass window dedicated to him at St Francis Church to his grave at Dudley Cemetery - which is visited by hundreds of fans each year.

Duncan's family said it was a 'moving tribute' to the player, who was born in Malvern Crescent, and planned to take the tour when next in the town.

It has been launched by Dudley Council to give fans the chance to learn more about the player and the tributes to him in his hometown.

The tour has been mapped out in an official leaflet which also includes an account of Duncan's tragically short life both in and outside football.

It includes memories of him growing up in Dudley and school photographs, along with glowing tributes from former professional footballers, including Sir Bobby Charlton.

Duncan was born on October 1, 1936. During his career he played for Manchester United and England and was nicknamed The Tank. He played at wing-half - but could also play centre half, centre forward and inside forward.

Duncan was one of the Busby Babes, the young Manchester United team formed under manager Sir Matt Busby



England training with Stanley Matthews, left, and captain Billy Wright, right, in 1957

in the late 1940s. He tragically died at the age of 21 from injuries sustained in the Munich air disaster on February 6, 1958.

But fans continue to celebrate his achievements and the visitor trail is the latest in a series of tributes paid to the star dubbed by his teammate Sir Bobby Charlton as 'the greatest player I have played with'.

Among the stops is St Francis Church, Laurel Road, where there is a stained glass window in Duncan's honour. It depicts the player and was

designed by Francis Skeat. Sir Matt Busby unveiled the window on August 27, 1961 and said: "There will only be one Duncan Edwards and any boy who strives to emulate Duncan or take him as his model, won't go far wrong."

Part of the trail is the player's grave in Dudley Cemetery, on Stourbridge Road. It has long been a shrine to fans and there is usually a fresh bunch of red and white flowers filling the black granite vase below the 6ft headstone.

The trail also includes Duncan Edwards Close, named in his honour,

which is located opposite the cemetery.

Visitors can follow the tour to Priory Park where a games area has been created in commemoration of Duncan. It was opened in 2006 by Sir Bobby Charlton.

One of the stops is Duncan Edwards Way. In 2008, Dudley's Southern Bypass was re-named in tribute to the player.

There is also a permanent display at the town's museum and art gallery in St James's Road.

Memorabilia included trophies, medals and caps, to football shirts, photographs, old newspaper cuttings and pictures, including a 10-minute video-clip of footage, celebrating the player's life.

And the trail would not be complete without a visit to the statue of the sporting great which has pride of place in the town's Market Place.

## Shrine

Duncan's cousin Keith said: "I am delighted to hear about this trail. It is a wonderful and very moving treatment to Duncan," he said.

"It keeps his memory alive and highlights the pride people still have in Duncan and what he achieved. His grave remains a shrine to fans"

Mr Edwards said the family visited the grave twice a year, for his birthday on October 1 and also when he died on February 21, and would walk the trail when they were next in the area.

The guide is available from museums in the borough, Dudley Archives and Local History Centre, libraries and visitor attractions.

A version can be downloaded from the history and archives section of the Discover Dudley website at [discover.dudley.gov.uk/history-archives/duncan-edwards](http://discover.dudley.gov.uk/history-archives/duncan-edwards)

Dudley Council chief executive John Polychronakis said: "Duncan Edwards is one of Dudley's most famous sons and his life and legacy is something we are all extremely proud of and he will never be forgotten."

## POLITICS

WITH  
DANIEL  
WAINWRIGHT



IT seemed like the ultimate publicity stunt.

In the meetings to discuss the opening ceremony for the Commonwealth Games, blowing up five tower Glasgow tower blocks in front of a worldwide television audience must have seemed like a superb wheeze.

But now, with just weeks to go to the start, Commonwealth Games chiefs have been forced to perform an embarrassing U-turn and abandon the spectacular after 17,500 people signed a petition objecting to the plans. More to the point, several people living in the shadow of the flats said they would refuse to leave their homes to allow the explosions to take place.

Certainly, blowing up five of Scotland's tallest buildings would have made great television. And when similar such demolitions have been performed in the Black Country, there have been no shortage of people turning out to enjoy the spectacle.

However, while blowing up rundown, unpopular tower blocks might be popular in the short-term, there surely must be a debate to be had about whether it is a good long-term housing policy.

The high-rise flats of the 1950s and 60s were certainly not what one would call an architectural triumph. In the past, weak security, an unsuitable tenant mix, and poor maintenance has made many of them difficult to let. And once a block gets a bad name, it is very hard to shake off. Also, it should be recognised that many of these blocks are now between 50 and 60 years old, and were often built hurriedly and cheaply to solve Britain's postwar housing crisis.

However, much of the criticism of the so-called 'bedroom tax' or 'spare-room subsidy', depending on which side of the fence you sit, has surrounded the shortage of one and two-bedroom homes for single people and childless couples. And whatever the merits or otherwise of this policy, the problem is not going to be solved by demolishing such properties without replacing them.

There are shining examples of where local council in the West Midlands have done a superb job of turning around tower blocks. Baylie Court in Stourbridge, and Clent Court in Dudley spring to mind, where the once-unpopular flats have successfully been turned into pleasant homes.

Of course, transforming the homes that people love to hate is going to prove a far tougher task than knocking them down and handing the site over to developers, and throwing in a commitment to 'affordable homes'.

But if tackling Britain's housing crisis by encouraging people to 'downsize' is the way forward, sticking dynamite under the dwindling number of small homes is a strange way of going about it.

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## Legion seek help with hero exhibition

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To this end we are interested in acquiring loan memorabilia from members of the local community for a short period. The exhibition will be shown in the public library and also within the British Legion club.

Anyone who is willing to allow photographs and other documents to be used can forward these by email to [br3247rbl@btinternet.com](mailto:br3247rbl@btinternet.com) with donor details so the due acknowledgement can be given. Persons willing to loan mementoes, including medals, can deliver same to the Royal British Legion club in Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal, securely packed and marked for the attention of the branch committee. Please include details for safe return of such items.

**KEN FINCH, CHAIRMAN**  
**Lower Gornal Branch RBL**

## More votes for no one

WITH the MEP elections soon and our General Election next year, the thought occurs to me as to why the majority of people do not bother to vote. If it was local elections, the majority would vote 'for or against' the sitting councillor.

But what I am suggesting is how to increase the 25 percent who do actually vote. I should like to see on the ballot papers an extra candidate, shown as 'no name', of a non-existent party. If voters could not see any particular person or party they wanted to vote for, they could vote for 'no name', as a protest vote, instead of just spoiling their ballot papers, if as I believe, this would attract more voters to the polls, just to register a protest vote.

Should the 'no name' candidate win (it may be possible), then the main parties should re-assess their candidates, with the lowest polling parties withdrawing from the contest, before another poll is conducted.

**J JONES**  
**Wordsley**

## Seeking facts on old soldier

I AM carrying out research into Private 4271 E. Perks, of the Worcestershire Regiment, who was killed on 13th March 1916, and is buried in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Oldswinford, Stourbridge.

I would like any relatives of Private Perks - or anyone who knows anything about him - to contact me on 01384 372499.

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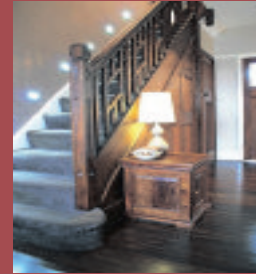
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## Impact of changes to benefits

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The worst hit 200,000 of the poorest families and the disabled are losing out by £876.00 per year.

Mark Goldring of Oxfam said the Government were blowing massive holes in their safety net. It is further proof that the bedroom tax has been a disaster.

The Coalition's answer to the Oxfam report is burying their heads in the sand and saying that a strong safety net is working.

I just hope the people of this country know where to stamp their feet in the upcoming May elections and don't forget the Tories wouldn't have been able to have brought out these policies without the dedicated help of the Lib-Dems.

**B WHITEHOUSE**  
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## Nothing wrong with sense of smell

I RECENTLY wrote about the smell of dog mess on the park at Wall Heath, and this is not the only park, especially when freshly mowed.

I can assure J Jones there is nothing at all wrong with my sense of smell.

Perhaps he and his friends have lived there so long that they have become immune to the smell (or perhaps they walk about with pegs on their noses).

If he/she takes a walk up the gully between the park and the shops there is plenty on the ground to see, and if he/she bends down and puts their fingers in it, then rub it on their noses they might recognise the type of smell I'm talking about.

Also, on dog fouling, does this person not realise that dog faeces carry a worm

that can cause blindness in young children or is it that they just don't care?

I, like millions of other people, have grandchildren who play on these parks and believe this was the purpose they were built for, not walking dogs.

I must admit, I may be wrong about the park itself, I have noticed a number of dog bins situated around the park and this could be the source of the smell, but on a warm day it is definitely there.

Perhaps J Jones should try venturing out of his/her airtight box once in a while and take the peg off their nose and have a stroll through the dog mess around the park.

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CHAIRMAN Jean Latham welcomed 48 members to the April meeting and read out the apologies.

A one minute silence was observed in memory of Phyllis Dunn, who had been a long-standing member.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and these were duly passed and signed.

The treasurer gave a favourable account of the financial situation and was then kept very busy collecting monies for various future activities.

Forthcoming events start with the annual dinner at Stone Manor, commencing at 7pm for 7.30pm on May 6.

This is followed by the annual one mile Macmillan Walk on June 3, taking place in the area around Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge, followed by the 'apres walk' meal in the Greyhound, Norton Road.

The visits to Hagley Hall (two parties) take place on June 2 and 9, both commencing at 2pm.

The speaker for the evening was Ian Bott who related, with the aid of slides, accounts of murders which had taken place in the Black Country. The talk, both amusing and frightening was enjoyed by all, and appreciation was shown in the usual way.

Competition winners were Ann Powell and Pat Archer, whilst the raffle prizes went to Sheila West and Maureen Baker.

The next meeting is on May 1. Non-members are welcome to drop in at St James' Church Hall, Wollaston at 7.30pm.

## High tea puts smile on pensioners' faces

HEDNESFORD LIONS

RECENTLY formed Hednesford Lions put smiles on the faces of more than 100 local pensioners at a "Putting on the Ritz" Afternoon tea event at the Aquarius Ballroom.

The afternoon comprised of live music, bingo, a raffle and a high tea.

Hednesford Lions held a number of fundraising events and with the help of the Staffordshire community grant and local transport firm Almar cabs managed arrange this free event for the deserving pensioners of Hednesford.

One guest commented: "It's so nice that someone has taken the time to do this for us, I even had a personal invitation."

All of the Lions' guests went away with a lovely framed photograph of themselves as a memento of the afternoon tea.

Hednesford Lions are always looking for new members to join them to continue the good work it does in the community.

Meetings are at 7.45pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Hen House pub, Eskrett Street.

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Guest Janet Locke with Lions mascot Leo

## Behind the scenes at Chelsea

CLENT GARDENING CLUB

ON March 28, Kim Hurst spoke about A True Cottage Garden illustrating this talk with lots of actual plants and some slides.

She explained the true meaning of a cottage garden incorporated flowers, herbs, shrubs and vegetables into one garden instead of four different areas.

In September at the club's Flower Show there will be a pelargonium competition to be judged on the day. Bookings will be taken in the very near future for three evening

visits, the first one on May 9 to Hill View Gardens, the second one on June 6 to "The Barton" at Martley and the third has been arranged for June 24 to Hill Close Gardens at Warwick. On April 25 the club went 'Behind the Scenes' - Creating A Chelsea Garden with Frank Hardy.

Around 60 members attended, including three visitors.



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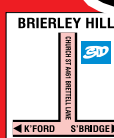
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# Ukip leader says Black Country is a key target

**MOBBED** by supporters and international media, Nigel Farage swept into Dudley as his party Ukip maked the Black Country one of its key targets for European and council election seats.

The charismatic leader of the Eurosceptic political party donned his trademark trilby and overcoat to take a tour of Dudley town centre on Friday before a rousing speech to 650 inside a packed Dudley town hall.

Dubbing it the 'Black Country Blast', Mr Farage says Dudley, as well as Wolverhampton, had seen an 'exceptional' rise in party membership and activism in the run up to next month's elections.

## Win

He said: "In Dudley we are doing exceptionally well. Growth has been really good. We are fielding a full slate of 24 candidates and we could win enough seats to form the official opposition on council here.

"It is an important area for us in the European and local elections and the aim is to be the top party in the region for Europe and number two in the local elections. I'm calling it our Black Country Blast.

"The reception in the Black Country has been superb — there is something about this place — its sense of tradition, patriotism, both English and British, which make it such a friendly place to come to."

Mr Farage's first stop was at the street market in Dudley. He and his entourage also ate fish and chips in Sedgley and supped a pint of Bathams in Upper Gornal.

The capacity audience on Friday night were in stitches after Farage teed off with talk of his latest recruitment campaign. "I was in Manchester



Nigel Farage shares a joke with Dudley market trader Alan Bennett

last night," he boomed. "And I was hoping to make a rather high-profile signing. David Moyes. He's done a terrific job of taking Manchester United out of Europe."

The 50-year-old spoke for around hour, making a rallying call for people to join 'Ukip's people's army.'

But on the street a group of around two dozen protesters accused his party of 'peddling hatred'. Protesters accused the Ukip leader of sleaze, bigotry and divisive politics. Dave Traxson, of Wolverhampton, said: "The poster campaign of Ukip is a disgrace. They are peddling hatred."

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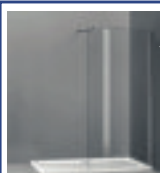
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A crowd of men on the corner of Stafford Street and the Horsefair, Wolverhampton, in the late 1800s. This was at the heart of the town's Irish Quarter. Thanks to Wolverhampton Archives



Canal Street, Wolverhampton, 1870, where James Derrick lived. Thanks to Wolverhampton Archives and Local Studies



Ada Derrick, who divorced Edward, is sat on the right of this picture in 1919. Her mother and my great-great-grandmother Rosina Weldon is standing on the left

# From hero to life of crime

**THE Battle of Waterloo was Napoleon's only chance of restoring himself to power in France. Having returned to Paris from his exile on the Isle of Elba in March 1815, he declared himself emperor once again.**

Enraged and fearful, his former enemies gathered their armies to confront him. Napoleon quickly reformed his Grande Armée and set it against the British, Prussians and their allies in what is now Belgium.

A fierce encounter was fought at Quatre Bras on June 16, 1815, after which the Duke of Wellington withdrew to a ridge at Waterloo.

It was partly defended by the light companies of the Coldstream Guards and the Second and Third Battalions of the First Foot Guards. They withstood heavy attacks from 11am until late afternoon, when they were withdrawn to rejoin their battalions. Among them was a James Derrick, my great-great-grandfather and a private in the 2nd Battalion's Light Company led by Lieutenant Colonel Goodwin Colquitt.

Napoleon later said the reason he lost the Battle of Waterloo was because of the 'obstinate bravery of the English troops'. In fact, many of those men were Irish, as was James Derrick. Born in about 1796 in Blackpool, now part of Cork City, he was about 19 at Waterloo.



Edward Derrick, 16, in 1895 – courtesy West Midlands Police Museum and Dave Cross

## MEMORY LANE

By Carl Chinn

The assault of the Grenadiers of the French Imperial Guard was defeated and in honour of their victory the 1st Guards was made the Grenadier Guards. Later a medal was struck to be given to each British soldier present at Waterloo. About 39,000 men received it. One of them was James – a hero of Waterloo he may have been, but the rest of his life he became a thief and a ne'er-do-well. According to the 1841 Census, he was an earthenware dealer aged 35 living with the family of William Casey, at the Club Buildings in Old Meeting Street, Bilston. He had married Mary Hennessy three years before in the Catholic Chapel in Wolverhampton when they were both living in Canal Street. William and Mary were among the pioneers of the Irish settlement in the town.

By 1843, James Derrick was married to Eliza Hennessy, Mary's sister, who was about 16.

Their marriage was short-lived because of his criminality. Six years later, James was given three months' hard labour at Stafford County Prison for 'stealing a quantity of iron from the whimsy of a coal pit'.

Within 12 months, this conviction was taken into account when he was found guilty of stealing the mill brasses from a mine at Sedgley. He

was sentenced to transportation to Australia.

James Derrick was sent to Millbank Prison in London, and then Shorncliffe Prison in Kent. In the latter's register for 1851, he is described as of sallow complexion with dark hair and grey eyes. Married with three children, James could neither read nor write.

After almost six months at Shorncliffe, James was not transported; instead he was transferred to Dartmoor in Devon and was released on licence in 1855. He died in 1872, in the Wolverhampton Workhouse. A lonely figure.

As for my great-great-grandmother Eliza and her children, soon after James was jailed, in October 1850, she was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing, and her children were put into the Wolverhampton Union Workhouse. My great-great-grandfather John was six. His mother went on to marry a William Casey – so perhaps she and James had not been legally married. By 1861 she was a widow with four children aged under eight and was in the Walsall Workhouse.

Interestingly, the Census of that year recorded her son John Derrick – my great-great-grandfather – as a 15-year-old living on his own and fending for himself at 181 Cock Street, Darlaston. He was an iron stone miner. Ten years later John had moved to Birmingham and was living in Hurst Street – close to what is now the Birmingham Back to Backs museum.

A telegraph pole worker, he was lodging with

Edward Thompson and his widowed daughter Catherine. A few months later, John and Catherine married at St Andrew's Church of England in Bordesley and by 1881 they were living in a back-to-back up a yard in Sparkbrook.

With them were Catherine's daughter from her first marriage, their daughter Flora, six, and their sons John, nine, James, four, and my great-grandfather Edward, two. He and John would soon gain criminal records. In February 1891, John Derrick, 20, was charged with assaulting a police constable in Thomas Street, Sparkbrook. This was during the early days of the notorious Peaky Blinder gangs and was the start of a career in crime.

When he was 16, brother Edward was sentenced to four months' hard labour for burglary, again setting the template for his future life.

In 1907 he married my great-grandmother Ada Weldon at Christ Church, Sparkbrook. He gave himself as a bricklayer, although previously he had stated he was a tailor and would later be described as a scrap iron dealer and a rag and bone man. Marriage did not change him for the better. People who knew him recalled him as a violent man who often smashed up his home when drunk and on occasions Ada and her daughter Maisy – my grandmother – had to sleep in the 'brews' in the yard. Ada divorced Edward Derrick in 1922 as 'a poor person' under the rules of the Supreme Court.

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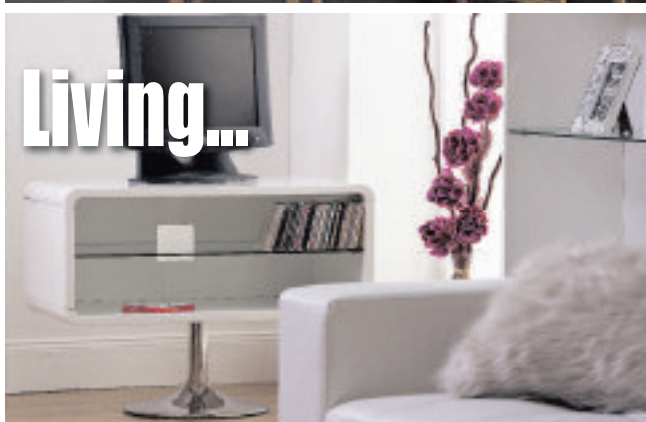


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## Sir Trevor at grass roots

A £1.1 million football centre at Wall Heath has been opened by Sir Trevor Brooking. The England and West Ham legend opened the new home to Kewford Eagles, one of the biggest grass roots clubs in the country.

The 11-pitch centre has been 120 years in the making and has been possible thanks to a £800,000 grant from the Football Foundation.

The club has more than 550 young footballers, boys, girls and disabled teams. Mr Brooking said: "I understand the importance of these facilities to a club like this."

## £35k energy boss will help to cut council bills

A COUNCIL aiming to cut its £7 million bill for utilities such as gas, electricity and water is taking on an 'energy manager', who could be paid up to £35,000 a year.

Bosses at Dudley Council say they must make cut-backs of at least £250,000 on energy bills to around 800 properties it owns across the borough.

The authority faces making tough decisions after admitting it needs to make an additional £32m of cuts in the next three years.

It comes after the council had already planned for £26m of savings over the same period before a worse-than-expected grant from Government.

### Risk

Under the initial plan to save £26m, the council had proposed up to 334 job losses by 2017 but it is now feared that another 40 positions could be at risk.

The council says these stark predictions means it needs to find more savings and its energy bills needs to be slashed.

The council does not have a dedicated officer responsible to look at ways of cutting energy costs, consumption and carbon emissions.

They say a new energy manager 'would be responsible for delivering savings and reducing carbon consumption'.

The energy expert is expected to pick up a salary of between £32,072 to £34,984 per year.

In a report council bosses say the salary would be paid for out of the savings made on energy costs and so would be 'cost neutral'.

Dudley Council's assistant director for law and governance, Mohammed Farooq said: "Reducing our energy bills and our carbon

by Andrew Turton

footprint is a key priority for the council, which will save money and make a more energy-efficient council.

"We are hoping to take on one full-time member of staff to look at a range of measures, including negotiating contracts for energy providers, monitoring usage and looking at ways of reducing our energy costs in council buildings.

He continued: "One of the key targets for the new member of staff will be reducing the energy bill across more than 800 council buildings by £250,000 a year."

A report announcing the proposed new role at the council added: "In addition, energy savings of £250,000 are included in the medium-term financial strategy which was approved by council on March 3, 2014.

It continued: "It is essential for the delivery of these savings that the appointment of an energy manager is made."

Campaigner Jerry Langford, of Dudley Coalition Against the Cuts, said: "We would broadly not be against a role like this.

"You would think that there was a way of someone already in-house being able to do this role, though."

## M6 four lane scheme is over after two years

ALMOST two years of misery for M6 motorists has come to an end after a project to open up four lanes has now been completed.

Work has been going on since June 2012 to open up a fourth lane between junctions five and eight as part of a £126million scheme. The hard shoulder will now be open at peak times in the mornings and evenings.

Speed restrictions of 50mph have been in place during the roadworks, adding time to motorists' journeys on one of the busiest stretches of motorway in the West Midlands.

The motorway's three lanes were also narrowed

during the work. Two months ago the 50mph restrictions were lifted between junctions eight and six for Spaghetti Junction, leading to a trial period during which the hard shoulder was opened to traffic during off-peak hours.

And now the final few miles between junctions five and six will also be fully operational.

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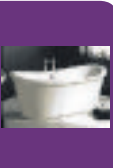
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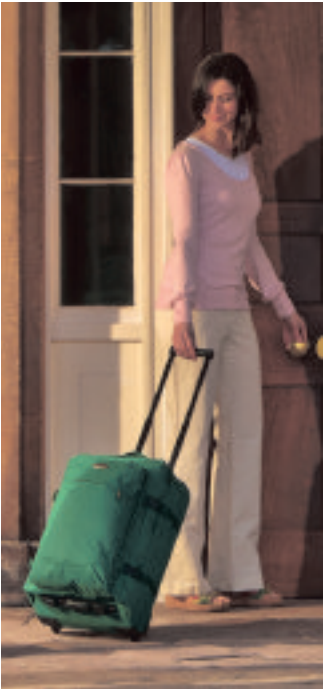
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## Teens in work or learning

MORE 16 and 17-year-olds are in education or training in Sandwell than anywhere else in the West Midlands.

Statistics released by the Department for Education show a total of 92 per cent of those aged 16 or 17 in the borough are in some kind of training or education. The figures include those in apprenticeships, at 2.9 per cent, and work-based learning, at 0.9 per cent.

Those in employment combined with training totalled 0.6 per cent. A total of 81.9 per cent are in full-time education or employment.

# Stephen is celebrating fund's £3m milestone

**DYING teenager Stephen Sutton's fundraising drive has smashed the £3 million mark.**

The cancer patient from Burntwood has released a new 'thumbs up' photograph of himself as donations continued to flood in for his fundraising appeal for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

He has captured the hearts of millions of people throughout the world with his inspirational fight against the disease. The 19-year-old is in hospital after his condition deteriorated but he has shown improvements after coughing up a tumour. He has been battling cancer for three years and is fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Posting his new picture online he wrote: "One week ago I posted a 'thumbs up farewell' photo that went viral. As mentioned, at that point a genuinely thought I was a goner but one week on I'm still here!"

"Overall my time here will still be cut significantly short by my illness (but I've known that anyway for a while anyway). Coughing up that tumour has helped hugely but headlines of 'on the mend' are shortsighted and perhaps misleading. I am still ravaged by tumours elsewhere that will and are currently harming me. But with my breathing fine and no other acute medical problems at the moment, we can optimistically look forward to a period of 'future' that at the beginning of the week seemed impossible."

He said his medical team were currently discussing what to do next, but added: "In the meantime: To celebrate still being here after this crazy week, to celebrate this wonderful journey called life, and to celebrate being part of raising over £3,000,000 for Teenage Cancer Trust..."



Thumbs up from Stephen

cer Trust... Here's a huge thumbs up from me!!!!"

Comedian Jason Manford held a one-off gig at Players' Bar in Birmingham on Sunday and said he hoped the fund would go on to reach £5m for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Stephen inspired the world when last week he posted what he thought would be his final blog entry on Facebook from his hospital bed.

Stephen had initially set out to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust and created a bucket list of 46 things to do before he died. But the teenager's story and remarkable attitude to life helped him smash that target, with donations flooding in. His fundraising has broken all records held by donating website JustGiving.

## Sikh parade was biggest in all of Europe

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets as they took part in one of the biggest Vaisakhi celebrations in Europe.

Families from across the Black Country joined a procession starting in Smethwick before the event on Sunday culminated in a huge gathering in Handsworth Park.

The festival is one of the holiest days in the Sikh faith and is also celebrated across northern India, as well as the rest of the world.

Many gathered in ceremonial dress as they walked down Smethwick high street and Booth Street as hundreds of people came

out from their homes to line the route.

Orange flags waved and the sound of music rang in the air as people followed in a procession including the Holy Scriptures of Revelation, referred to as the living Guru Granth Sahib.

Worshippers covered their heads with turbans, scarves or handkerchiefs as a mark of respect.

The event celebrates the founding of the Sikh faith more than 500 hundred years ago.

The Council of Sikh Gurdwaras in Sandwell and Birmingham organised the community celebration.

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## NEWS in brief

### Nearly 50 dog attacks in borough

MORE than 300 people across the Black Country and Staffordshire were admitted to hospital after dog attacks over the course of a year.

Figures released by Health and Social Care Information Centre show there were a total of 323 people who required urgent medical treatment between February 2013 and January 2014 as a result of an attack by a dog.

In Dudley 49 people needed urgent treatment while in Sandwell and West Birmingham there were 68 reports and in Wolverhampton 23 people were admitted to hospital.

Changes to the Dangerous Dogs Act last May that made it possible for owners to be prosecuted for dog attacks on private property.

### Eight injured in spate of crashes

EIGHT people were taken to hospital after crashes in the Black Country at the weekend. Six were involved on the Hagley Road, Bearwood, just before 8pm on Sunday.

One man, two women and three children were taken to hospital. One of the women had neck and chest injuries while the man had a neck injury.

A man in his 20s was also taken to hospital with leg and pelvic injuries after a two-car crash on the Birmingham New Road, Coseley, early on Monday. A woman was taken to hospital after a two-car crash at the junction of Chapel Street and Pedmore Road, Stourbridge, on Saturday.

# X-tra special opportunity for town singing hopefuls

**HAS the Black Country got the X Factor? More than 100 hopefuls flocked to find out if they have what it takes as auditions for the top TV singing talent show came to Dudley**

While usually staged in big arenas, this year the auditions have gone on the road as show bosses scour the country for tomorrow's stars.

They arrived in Dudley last week as singers and musicians waited in the rain for hours outside Dudley Town Hall to get their chance to impress. Queues started forming at around 7.30am, despite auditions not getting under way until noon and those that impressed the show's representatives got the chance to audition for a second time at Birmingham City's football ground, St Andrews, on Thursday.

## Cowell

Singers face up to five elimination rounds before they get to sing in front of Simon Cowell, who this year will be joined by Cheryl Cole and Louis Walsh. The fourth judge is yet to be revealed.

First in line James Davies, aged 20, who sang Angels by Robbie Williams but failed to get through to the second round.

Jamie, from Dudley, spent five hours waiting for his 30 second slot and before his audition said: "I started singing properly about five months ago but have been singing since I was little."

Second in line hoping to wow the judges was Holly Wright, of



Holly Wright was one of the youngest X Factor hopefuls who auditioned at Dudley Town Hall

Forest Drive, Old Hill, and at 14, the teenager was only just old enough to take part. She said: "When they lowered the age I thought why not. I have been singing for four years." The pupil at St Michael's in Rowley Regis sang Clown by Emeli Sandé but did not make it to the next stage.



James Davies, aged 20, sang Angels by Robbie Williams but failed to make it to the second round

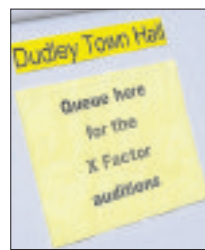
After more than two hours in the rain, there were smiles all round for three female solo singers who each got a yes.

Kimberley Massey, 28, from Corporation Road, Dudley, was asked back after her version of Misery by Pink.

She said: "I have auditioned



Clare Hall, Catherine Owen and Kimberley Massey



X marks the spot – the sign outside Dudley Town Hall

seven times and have got through to the second round every time but I am yet to meet the judges.

"I think it is five rounds before you sing in front of them. I really hope I can make it this year."

Catherine Owen, 28, from Brierley Hill, was also given the green light to go one step closer to the

## £17,000 scheme to improve stadium

DUDLEY'S main sports stadium will be refurbished in a £17,000 scheme to boost budding athletes and grass-roots sport in the borough.

Hundreds of people use the facilities at The Dell Stadium, in Pensnett, each week.

Members of Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers athletics club use the stadium, in Bryce Road, for training and meetings while Dudley Town football club plays home games at the ground.

## Upgrading

Officials have revealed an investment plan to keep the facilities up-to-date so that they meet standards for the future.

Thousands of pounds will be spent on upgrading the 400m athletics track at the stadium which is used by up to 250 club members a week.

The renovation scheme will start in mid May and council officials have revealed that sections of the stadium will have to be closed while work gets under way.

Officials today advised that the track and long jump areas will have to be closed from May 15 to June 1 to allow for the improvements to take place. It is hoped that the track and the long jump area will fully reopen on June 2.

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# Tributes to popular opera singer Lyndsie

**SHE was born and bred in the Black Country and rose from humble beginnings to win global acclaim for performances in works by Gilbert and Sullivan.**

Tributes have paid to opera singer Lyndsie Holland, from Stourbridge, who has died at the age of 79.

After leaving school she worked as a telephonist, but after starting to perform with a choir her career took a different path.

She performed for one of the leading theatre companies – the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company known for its productions of Gilbert and Sullivan works.

Miss Holland died on April 2 after suffering a heart attack.

Her friend of more than 40 years David Harrison-Steadman, who was principal conductor of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, paid tribute to a performer who 'enjoyed popularity wherever she went'.

Miss Holland, from Pedmore, was the youngest child in a family of eight.

Her introduction to singing came in harmonising with her brothers and hearing opera recordings at their home.

She was born Margaret Foster but took her stage name from the maiden names of her two grandmothers.

Miss Holland attended Stourbridge High School and worked at the British Road Services, Kingswinford, and as a telephonist in Birmingham.

After taking preliminary singing lessons, she sang as soloist with Kingswinford-based male voice choir, the Gentleman Songsters, and was later persuaded to join the Midland Music Makers. To her astonishment and delight she was given a leading role in a production of Borodin's Prince Igor.

At one of the performances she was



**Opera singer Lyndsie Holland rehearsing in Stourbridge in 1976**



**Lyndsie Holland as Katisha in a production of The Mikado**

spotted by a talent scout from Sadler's Wells Opera and after further study at the Birmingham School of Music made her debut for the company in 1968.

Two years later she auditioned for Dame Bridget D'Oyly Carte at the Savoy and was offered a job.

Her first performance was as Lady Sangazure in The Sorcerer. She appeared in the other Gilbert and Sullivan operas as quickly as she could learn the roles including Dame Hannah in Ruddigore, Dame Carruthers in The Yeomen of the Guard and Katisha in The Mikado. One Broadway critic

hailed her as the best Katisha since the 1930s. She sang Little Buttercup in the company's ATV film of HMS Pinafore and also at the Royal Command Performance at Windsor Castle. During the centenary celebrations at the Savoy, BBC Radio 2 transmitted The Mikado with Miss Holland as Katisha. She was principal contralto for the company for nearly seven years. She spent her final year in a London nursing home. Mr Harrison-Steadman said: "Success never went to Lyndsie's head and she enjoyed popularity wherever she went."

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# Film homecoming for Dexys singer Rowland

A FEATURE-LENGTH documentary charting the rise of Dexys Midnight Runners, fronted by Wolverhampton-born Kevin Rowland, is set to premiere in London.

The film, called Nowhere is Home, will be shown at NFT1 on London's Southbank on May 9 before heading around the country on tour, including a stop in Wolverhampton.

A spokesperson for Heavenly Films, the team behind the documentary, confirmed there are plans to bring the documentary to Rowland's home city.

The singer was born in Wednesfield and brought up in Blakenhall, and he talks candidly in the trailer for the film about his times as a youth.

## Acclaim

A former pupil at St Mary and St John's Catholic Primary in Snow Hill, Mr Rowland moved to London before attending secondary school, and then returned to the Black Country aged 20 when he lived in Oldbury.

Martin Kelly, from Heavenly Films, said: "There are plans to take the film on tour and there will be a showing in Wolverhampton but the exact venue is yet to be confirmed."

The documentary is set around a show from the band's two week residency at The Duke of York theatre in London, which was met by acclaim from fans and critics.

There are also interviews with Mr Rowland and Jim Paterson, who plays trombone in the band which is now simply known as Dexys.

Mr Kelly said: "Interspersed throughout the film is an honest, revealing and touching interview with Kevin Rowland and Jim Paterson that details the remarkable story of the band. The premiere is on May 9, and



Documentary on Dexys Midnight Runners to be fronted by Kevin Rowland

it isn't due to be finished until May 8 so it will be going down to the wire but we are confident we will make it."

The film was made by BAFTA winner Kieran Evans, who won the award for outstanding debut at this year's ceremony, alongside his friend Paul Kelly. Last year, Mr Rowland was given a honorary degree from University of Wolverhampton, but said he felt 'like a fraud' after dropping out of

school aged 15. In the trailer for the documentary, Mr Rowland talks about how he was a 'no-hoper' after leaving school and drifted from job to job.

He talks about prison being a possibility for him, and the desire he had to succeed in music to get him back on the right track.

Dexys Midnight Runners shot to fame in the summer of 1980 and had a number one hit with Come On Eileen.



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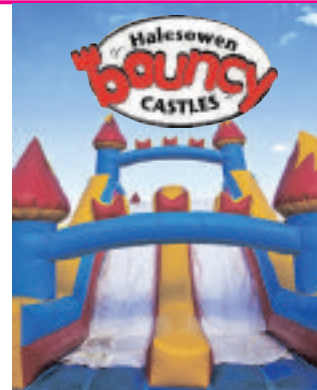
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# What's On!

## Flash dancers come Mob-handed

STRICTLY meets street dance in Flash Mob, a show that unites some of the most exciting talents on the dance scene, coming to Wolverhampton and Birmingham this summer.

Britain's Got Talent outfit Flawless will team up with Strictly Come Dancing professionals Kevin Clifton, who was partnered with Susanna Reid, and his fiancé Karen Hauer, who partnered Hairy Biker Dave Myers in the series.

Flash Mob also features contemporary dancers Alleviate and Irish fusion couple Brosena from Sky's Got To Dance, plus Tommy Franzen of So You Think You Can Dance. It is at the New Alexandra Theatre on June 27 and the Grand Theatre on July 15 and 16.

## Singing Cavern true to its name

THE Singing Cavern, deep under Dudley Castle and accessed via the canal tunnel, will live up to its name when Cradley Heath Male Voice Choir perform at this most unusual of venues on Saturday, May 17.

Tickets for the 7.30pm concert cost £10.80 including boat transport in and out of the cavern by Dudley Canal Trust.

The concert is one of a series of events including a screening of silent classic The Phantom of the Opera with live musical accompaniment on June 28 (£15).

For tickets or information contact Dudley Canal Trust on 0121 557 6265.

# French diva of dance is to provide festival highlight

## Rocker Joe joins the War

THERE will be fireworks when the final arena tour of Jeff Wayne's The War of the Worlds comes to Birmingham LG Arena on November 5.

The spectacular show will feature Jason Donovan and West End star Carrie Hope Fletcher. Joining them is Wolverhampton's X Factor rocker Joe Whelan as The Voice of Humanity. The line-up also features X Factor 2005 winner Shayne Ward, Westlife singer Brian McFadden and Jeff Wayne will be conducting the 36-piece Ulladubulla Strings.

Effects include the 35-foot tall Martian Fighting Machine and, for the first time, the Victorian author of The War of the Worlds, HG Wells will appear at the event, via modern technology rather than The Time Machine he wrote about.

Tickets for the sixth and final tour cost £38.50.



The spectacular set for The War of the Worlds, touring arenas for the last time

ONE of the finest dancers of the age will be bringing her dynamism and fluid movement to Birmingham Hippodrome in one of the highlights of Birmingham International Dance Festival.

French ballet and contemporary dancer Sylvie Guillem, who was principal female dancer at the Paris Opera Ballet in the 1980s after her sensational performances as a teenager in Rudolf Nureyev's Don Quixote, will present 6,000 Miles Away.

It is a collection of three dance pieces, two in which the 49-year-old dance star features.

## Tempest

Staged on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 6 and 7, the programme devised by Guillem includes choreographer William Forsythe's duet Rearray; Mats Ek's Bye, a solo for Guillem set to music by Beethoven; and ensemble piece 27'52" by Jiri Kylian featuring dancers picked by Guillem.

Canadian choreographer Crystal Pite is influenced by Shakespeare's The Tempest for Tempest Replica being performed by her Kidd Pivot dance company at the Hippodrome tomorrow night (Friday) and Saturday.

The Symphony Hall becomes a dance festival venue for the first time when Quebec's Cas Public team up with the Ex Cathedra choir

## It's all about McBusted now

MCBUSTED, featuring members of boy bands Busted and McFly, still have a huge following judging by their four gigs at the LG Arena this month.

James Bourne and Matt Willis will join McFly's Tom Fletcher, Danny Jones, Dougie Poynter and Harry Judd to form the six-piece supergroup. So expect to hear Year 3000 and All About You in the same set when McBusted play the LG tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, then again on May 17 and 27.

The notable absence, former Busted singer Charlie Simpson, continues his solo career after 2012 album Young Pilgrim. Catch up with him at Birmingham's Academy 2 venue on Thursday, May 15.

## Grand illusion will be Infamous

WITH a combination of psychology and showmanship, Derren Brown has made the art of illusion hip again in several TV shows — in which he has regularly baffled and amazed viewers.

But he is probably at his most potent live, as audiences will discover when he brings his show Infamous, the sequel to the hugely popular Svengali, to Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday, May 10.

Tickets cost £32.50-£37.50, call 01902 429212. The show, directed by Andy Nyman, is not suitable for under-12s.



Sylvie Guillem in performance

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Rob Brydon

**The Guess List (BBC1, 9.20pm)**  
Lined up in Rob Brydon's comedy crosshairs this week are I'm A Celebrity... winner and tunesmith Kian Egan; Kate Silvertown; David Walliams, Tess Daly and the man he's spent years impersonating, Ronnie Corbett. His golfing buddy proves to be as amiable as ever, especially as he delivers one of the best gags of the night regarding their recent match on the fairway, "Played nine holes," says Ronnie. "Fell down four." The big question is: will contestants James and Jan manage to fill in the (blankety) blanks when asked questions such as: 'According to a recent survey, what most annoys the British public?' Let's hope so.

BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigellissima. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Live Snooker: The World Championship. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Film: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller.  
**6.30 BBC News:** Regional News.  
**6.50 Pointless Celebrities.** Alexander Armstrong invites contestants related to the world of crime – either real or fictional – to take part in the game show. They are Lisa Maxwell and Mark Wingett, who starred in The Bill, one-time Crimewatch presenter Sue Cook and investigative journalist Donal MacIntyre. Bad Girls actors Helen Fraser and Jack Ellis, and detective-fiction writers Laura Wilson and Mark Billingham. Who'll be best when it comes to being worst? Richard Osman is the one with the answers.  
**7.40 The National Lottery: In It To Win It.** Dale Winton presents the quiz in which five contestants pit their wits to scoop a big cash prize. Only those in the winners' row will have a chance of taking home the loot, so they will need to get all the answers right – as well as a little bit of luck on their side.  
**8.30 Casualty.** An adult reading lesson ends in disaster when a woman grows jealous of her tutor's girlfriend and inadvertently causes her to end up in hospital suffering from an asthma attack. But that proves to be just the start of the trio's problems. An elderly woman and her two grandchildren make plans to have the best day ever, but things start to go downhill when the granny feels pains in her chest and one of the kids tumbles off a climbing frame. Dixie faces her disciplinary meeting, having moved a patient without permission. Connie raises concerns about Zoe's methods and Fletcher's moonlighting as a taxi driver catches up with him.  
**9.20 The Guess List.** David Walliams, Ronnie Corbett, Kian Egan, Tess Daly and Kate Silvertown help contestants answer all sorts of everyday questions.  
**10.00 BBC News:** Weather.  
**10.20 Match of the Day:** National Lottery Update.  
**11.45 The Football League Show.** **1.05** Weatherwise. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00 Film:** Angel Face. (1952) **7.30** Great British Menu. (R) **8.00** Great British Menu. (R) **8.30** Great British Menu. (R) **9.00** Great British Menu. (R) **9.30** Great British Menu. (R) **10.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The third and penultimate session of the second semi-final. **12.00** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.30** Richard Attenborough: Talking Pictures. **2.10** Film: Young Winston. (1972) Biopic of Winston Churchill, starring Simon Ward. **4.30** Live Snooker: The World Championship. The opening semi-final is set to reach a conclusion. **5.30** Natural World: Nature's Misfits. (R) **6.30** **Flag It!** Presenter Paul Martin is joined by experts Charlie Ross and Mark Stacey to value items in the town of Monmouth, south-east Wales, including a selection of Babar books, a tortoise-shaped box and a pocket globe. (R)  
**7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the fourth and final session of the second semi-final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first player to reach 17 frames will progress to the final. Ronnie O'Sullivan and Barry Hawkins were successful at this stage last year, with the Rocket becoming the first defending champion since Ken Doherty in 1998 to reach the final. The commentary team includes Dennis Taylor, Willie Thorne and Stephen Hendry. Subsequent programmes subject to change.  
**9.30 Generation War: Our Mothers, Our Fathers.** Greta has been sent to the Soviet Union by her SS lover Dorn to entertain the troops on the eastern front, meeting Wilhelm, Friedhelm and Charlotte two years after their last encounter. Meanwhile, Viktor is on a train being transported to a concentration camp, but manages to escape with a Polish woman and flees into the forests. Second World War drama, starring Tom Schilling, Volker Bruch and Katharina Schuettler. In German.  
**11.00 Film: What Just Happened?** (2007) A Hollywood producer tries to keep the peace on a movie set, while also struggling with his own family's problems. Comedy drama, starring Robert De Niro and Catherine Keener.  
**12.35** Film: Surviving Summer. (2009) **2.00** This is BBC Two. **5.30** Film: The Saint in New York. (1938)

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Dino Dan. **6.10** Dino Dan. (R) **6.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.05** Sooty. (R) **7.20** Digimon Fusion. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Adventure Time. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News: Weather. **11.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **12.30** The Unforgettable Norman Wisdom. (R) **1.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.45** A Touch of Frost. (R) **3.45** Film: Peter Pan. (2003) **5.50** Regional Programme: Weather.  
**6.00** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.15** **Let Me Entertain You.** Michael Underwood presents clips of secret performers showing off at work, visitors sing for their Supper at Madame Tussauds and viewers offer their own renditions of Poker Face.  
**6.45** **New You've Been Framed!** Harry Hill puts his own spin on a selection of clips filmed by viewers, featuring spanning rituals in Essex and the painful reason why One Direction no longer buy pitta bread.  
**7.15** **Britain's Got Talent.** Ant and Dec host the fourth audition show, as Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon give their verdicts on more of the nation's best – and worst – performers.  
**8.30** **Amazing Greys.** Young contestants take on old pros, including cyclist Derek Stewart, Olympic gold medalist Mary Peters and veteran DJ David Hamilton. Paddy McGuinness and Angela Rippon host.  
**9.35** **Prey.** A detective is wrongly accused of the murders of his wife and son and goes on the run in an attempt to clear his name. Thriller, starring John Simm. (R)  
**10.30** **The Americans.** Philip and Elizabeth face painful developments in their missions, while Stan tries to gain access to an American military programme that could give him the upper hand against Oleg.  
**11.30** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**11.45** **Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon visits three mystery homes and challenges this week's panel – Simon Gregson, Mollie King and David Berry – to guess the identities of the occupants. Last in the series. (R)  
**12.40** Jackpot247. **3.00** Dinner Date: Australia. (R) **3.45** **ITV** Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.30** Film Superbike World Championship. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Weekend Kitchen. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.50** How Met Your Mother. **11.20** How I Met Your Mother. **11.45** The Simpsons. (R) **12.15** The Simpsons. (R) **12.45** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Including the 2,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** **Come Dine with Me.** Rebecca Ryan hosts the final dinner party in York, throwing a Hollywood-themed evening of glitz and glamour before the winner is announced. (R)  
**6.40** **Channel 4 News.**  
**7.05** **For the Love of Cars.** Life on Mars star Philip Glenister and renowned car designer Ant Anstead scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors. (R)  
**8.00** **Grand Designs.** Kevin McCloud follows a project to renovate and extend a classic 1920s cinema in Thorne, South Yorkshire. With little knowledge of restoration, Gwyn and Kate boldly set about turning the dilapidated building into a family home using masses of concrete after taking advice from an architect friend. The couple are hoping to create a hydraulic glass wall that opens up one side of the house to form a UV-filtered canopy, and there are also plans for a white roof extension that resembles a diving board. (R)  
**9.00** **Film: Green Zone.** (2010) A military officer is sent to Iraq after the downfall of Saddam Hussein on a mission to find the weapons of mass destruction that were used to justify the invasion – only to be warned by a CIA agent that no such devices exist. As he continues his fruitless search, he discovers evidence of a political conspiracy. Paul Greengrass' thriller, starring Matt Damon.  
**11.10** **Film: Escape from Alcatraz.** (1979) A convict tries to break out of the notorious high-security island prison, a feat previously thought impossible. Fact-based drama, starring Clint Eastwood.  
**1.15** Tim Minchin and the Heritage Orchestra. (R) **2.45** Holyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.05** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.30** The World's Busiest Border Crossing. (R) **12.30** **Film:** Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes. (1984) Drama, starring Christopher Lambert. **3.05** **Film:** Sands of the Kalahari. (1965) Survival drama, starring Stanley Baker. **5.05** **Film:** The Vikings. (1958) Historical adventure, starring Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis.  
**7.10** **5 News Weekend.**  
**7.15** **Longmire.** A convicted murderer released early from jail is found mauled to death by a bear in the woods and Walt has to open a murder investigation when the man is discovered to have been sedated and baited with steak. Meanwhile, Branch has to deal with his gun-toting uncle causing trouble at his retirement home. Guest starring Peter Weller (RoboCop 24), who also directed the episode.  
**8.00** **NCIS.** The bodies of two dishonourably discharged officers are found on board a boat belonging to Gibbs, and inquiries cast suspicion on his mentor, retired agent Mike Franks. The case proves to have wider implications – and the team finds itself battling to prevent an international confrontation. Starring Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette. (R)  
**9.00** **NCIS.** The team delves into Vance's troubled past in a desperate effort to trap a vengeful female assassin named Lee Wuan Kai. Although she is determined to strike back at him by targeting his family, it gradually transpires that there is another deeper motive for her crimes. Crime drama, guest starring Kelly Hu, with Mark Harmon, Rocky Carroll and Pauley Perrette. (R)  
**10.00** **Film: The Bone Collector.** (1999) A quadriplegic ex-cop helps a rookie officer hunt for a serial killer who takes gruesome trophies from his victims' bodies. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington and Angelina Jolie.  
**12.15** **SuperCasino.** **3.10** World's Busiest Border Crossing. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Doctor Who: 8.40 Top Gear: 9.40 Live at the Apollo: 10.25 Russell Howard's Good News: 11.00 Family Guy: 12.50 American Dad!: 1.35 Orphan Black: 2.20 Sweet the Small Stuff: 2.30 Russell Howard's Good News: 3.20 Impractical Jokers: 3.50 Great TV Mistakes: 4.00 Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Britain's Natural World: 8.00 Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities: 9.00 Film: Blackfish (2013) **10.20** Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface – Natural World: 11.20 Neil Sedaka: King of Song: 12.20 Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need is the Music: 1.05 Top of the Pops: 1979: 1.40 Byzantium: A Tale of Three Cities: 2.45 Britain's Natural World: 3.45 Close  
**ITV2**  
**11.05** Tom Daley Goes Global: 12.05 Britain's Got Talent: 1.25 Britain's Got More Talent: 2.30 Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk: 2.40 Film: The Perfect Man (2005) **4.40** You've Been Framed! Kids Special: 5.45 Film: Star Wars: Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace (1999) **8.30** Britain's Got More Talent: 9.35 You've Been Framed! **10.05** Celebrity Juice: 10.50 Crazy Beaches: 11.20 Britain's Got Talent: 12.35 Britain's Got More Talent: 1.40 Viral Top: 2.15 Darts: 2.40 Teleshopping: 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**11.05** The Darling Buds of May: 1.20 Film: The Baby and the Bathsheep (1956) **3.10** Agatha Christie's Marple: 5.15 Foyle's War: 7.30 Rosemary & Thyme: 8.35 Doc Martin: 9.35 Martin Clunes & a Lion Called Muggs: 10.40 Film: The Life of David Gale (2003) **1.15** Murder, She Wrote: 2.10 ITV3 Nightscreen: 2.30 Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
**11.00** Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Mumbai Indians v Kings XI Punjab and Delhi Daredevils v Rajasthan Royals. **8.00** Ali: Still the Greatest: 10.00 Film: Air America (1990) **12.15** Film: Payback (1999) **2.20** Benidorm: 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen: 3.00 Teleshopping: 3.30 The Store: 5.00 Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**11.00** The Mindy Project: 11.30 Rules of Engagement: 2.00 How I Met Your Mother: 3.00 The Big Bang Theory: 4.00 Made in Chelsea: 5.00 How I Met Your Mother: 6.00 The Big Bang Theory: 7.00 How I Met Your Mother: 8.00 The Tomorrow People: 9.00 Film: Predators (2010) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory: 12.05 Rude Tube: Rude Zoo: 1.10 The Inbetweeners: 2.15 2 Broke Girls: 3.05 Youngers: 3.55 Made in Chelsea: 4.50 Ugly Betty  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Treasure Island (1972) **1.00** The Perfect Catch (2005) **3.05** The Brady Bunch Movie (1995) **4.40** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **6.40** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Hot Tub Time Machine (2010) **10.55** District 9 (2009) **1.00** Black Snake Moan (2006) **3.25** Close

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CHOICE



Philip Glenister

**For the Love of Cars (Channel 4, 8pm)**  
All too often, when actors ditch fiction in favour of factual roles, it can end up feeling somewhat awkward – especially if the thesp in question has little knowledge of or enthusiasm for their chosen subject. However, Philip Glenister seems the natural choice to co-present this tempting documentary, alongside renowned car designer Ant Anstead. The six-part series follows the pair as they scour barns and lock-ups across the nation on a mission to restore six classic British motors to their former glory, beginning as Ant tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard, and sets about giving it a new lease of life.

BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Flop. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Monkey Planet. (R) **4.45** Points of View. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Pointless Celebrities. (R)  
**6.35** **BBC News:** Regional News; Weather.  
**7.00** **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison explores hills and mountains, including one that is up for sale, and presents archive items on a similar theme, including the challenges of farming on a slope. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**8.00** **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the experts pay a second visit to the Royal Marines Museum in Southsea, near Portsmouth, where members of the public bring along their treasured antiques and collectibles. Items include a Jolly Roger flag flown by the crew of a British submarine during the Second World War, a wine glass that's at the centre of a domestic dispute and a creepy-looking doll.  
**9.00** **The Crimson Field.** Grace is threatened by Major Baillard, the aggressively rude and war-scarred commander of a Sikh regiment who would rather be with his men than at up for sale, and presents archive items on a similar theme, including the challenges of farming on a slope. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.  
**10.00** **BBC News:** Regional News.  
**10.25** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You.** Jack Dee presents this extended edition of Friday's show, in which Ian Hislop and Paul Merton are joined by comedienne Bridget Christie.  
**11.10** **Knife Crime ER: Reggie Yates' Extreme South Africa.** Reggie spends a week in one of Cape Town's most impoverished regions.  
**12.05** Weatherview. **12.10** BBC News.

BBC2

**5.50** The Saint in New York. **6.55** **Film:** None But the Lonely Heart. (1944) Drama, starring Cary Grant. **8.45** **Countryfile.** (R) **9.45** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.45** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **12.30** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **1.15** Spring Kitchen with Tom Kerridge. (R) **2.00** Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine presents coverage of the opening session of the final at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, where the first eight frames of the match are scheduled to take place. Subsequent programmes subject to change.  
**6.00** **Australia with Simon Reeve.** The adventurer begins a journey across the country, discovering how the camel is threatening the fragile desert ecosystem in the heart of Australia. (R)  
**7.00** **Live Snooker: The World Championship.** Hazel Irvine presents all the action from the second session of the final at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where a further nine frames are scheduled to take place. The second session of last year's final took on a similar pattern to the first, with Ronnie O'Sullivan winning five frames to move into a 10-7 lead heading into the final day against Barry Hawkins. The commentary team features five former world champions in Dennis Taylor, Steve Davis, John Parrott, Ken Doherty and Stephen Hendry.  
**11.00** **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz.  
**11.45** **Film: In Our Name.** (2010) Premiere. A British soldier is haunted by her experiences in Iraq, and becomes increasingly paranoid about her daughter's safety. Drama, starring Joanne Froggatt and Mel Raido.  
**1.15** **Film:** The Big White. (2005) A cash-strapped travel agent plans to get rich by passing off a corpse as his missing brother and claiming the life insurance. Black comedy, with Robin Williams and Holly Hunter. **2.50** Sign Zone. **Countryfile.** Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison celebrate icons of the Yorkshire Dales, visiting Bolton Abbey, meeting a Harrogate cycling club and searching for Whitley jet. (R) **3.50** Hobby City. Raf and Amy come under further strain when their IVF dreams suffer another setback. Jac struggles to cope with her manipulative mother and Zosia treats a man she recently dated. (R) **4.50** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

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**6.20** **Regional Programme;** Weather.  
**6.30** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.45** **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.  
**7.30** **Oh Their Rockers.** Seb takes a shower in an unexpected place, Rosie and Marry try out an unusual selling technique and Sonia gets in trouble with the law again. Hidden-cameo comedy.  
**8.00** **Vera.** The detective is called in when David Kenworthy, the son of a prominent local family, is found murdered on the beach at Whitley Bay. A witness spotted arcade owner Larry Crowe arguing with David on the night of the killing, and a search of the suspect's property uncovers a bloodied baseball bat. However, Larry has a cast-iron alibi and it's clear he wasn't the only person the victim met that night. A second death then leaves Vera facing mounting pressure to crack the case, and struggling to answer the question of why David was drawn to the seafloor on the evening of his father's retirement.  
**10.00** **Perspectives – The Man in the Hat: Rene Magritte with Will Young.** A fan of Rene Magritte since the age of 15, singer and actor Will Young travels to the surrealist artist's native Belgium to explore his life, work and legacy.  
**11.00** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**11.15** **Premiership Rugby Union.** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, featuring Bath v Northampton Saints, Exeter Chiefs v Harlequins and Sale Sharks v Leicester Tigers.  
**12.15** The Store. **2.45** Motorsport UK. **3.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.15** British GT. **6.40** How I Met Your Mother. **7.05** How I Met Your Mother. **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.35** Secret Eaters. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Including the 1,000 Guineas at 3.50. **4.10** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **4.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **5.05** The Simpsons. (R) **5.35** Deal or No Deal.  
**6.30** **Channel 4 News.**  
**6.40** **Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry.** Bear Grylls takes the actor, writer and QI host on an expedition to one of the most spectacular mountain ranges in Europe. Over the course of two days high in the Italian Dolomites, the survival expert pushes Fry to his limits with a series of challenges – travelling on the skids of a helicopter, descending a terrifying 500ft waterfall, sleeping in a First World War trench and abseiling down a towering cliff face. (R)  
**8.00** **For the Love of Cars.** Ant Anstead tracks down a Triumph Stag in a scrapyard and sets about restoring it to its former glory, while Philip Glenister meets members of the Stag owners' club in an attempt to understand whether the vehicle's reputation for unreliability is fair. From a European road trip with comedian and motoring journalist Alexei Sayle, to pitting the classic car against the Jaguar E-Type in a battle of the best-sounding engines, Philip and Ant come to a surprising conclusion about the Stag.  
**9.00** **Fargo.** Malvo does the unexpected in the blackmail operation, Molly sets a trap, Gus debates whether he should come clean and Lester's return to work has complicated repercussions.  
**10.00** **Film: Underworld: Awakening.** (2012) Premiere. Vampire Selene awakes from cryonic suspension to battle mutant werewolves and a human plot to annihilate the undead. Action fantasy, with Kate Beckinsale and Andy Eisley.  
**11.45** **Film: Babel.** (2006) An American couple's holiday in Morocco sparks an international crisis when one of them is accidentally shot. Drama, starring Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett and Gael Garcia Bernal.  
**2.15** Southland. **3.05** The Hotel. (R) **4.00** SuperScrimpers' Challenge. (R) **4.55** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fi and the Flowerets. **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.55** Milkshake! Pop Box. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Milkshake! Pop Box. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Power Rangers Megaforce. (R) **11.10** Access. (R) **11.15** The Dog Rescuers. (R) **11.45** Secret History of UFOs. (R) **12.40** Aliens: Are We Alone? (R) **1.45** **Film:** Thunderbirds. (2004) Sci-fi adventure, starring Bill Paxton. **3.25** **Film:** Open Season. (2006) Animated comedy, with the voice of Martin Lawrence. **5.00** **Film:** Mulan. (1998) Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Ming-Na and Eddie Murphy.  
**6.40** **5 News Weekend.**  
**6.45** **Film: Stargate.** (1994) An Egyptologist and a soldier head an expedition through a mysterious portal to an alien planet. The world they find resembles ancient Egypt and is under the rule of a tyrant who has convinced the downtrodden inhabitants that he is a god – until the humans incite the enslaved populace to fight back. Sci-fi adventure, starring Kurt Russell, James Spader and Jaye Davidson.  
**9.00** **Film: War of the Worlds.** (2005) A divorced father tries to protect his two children as alien war machines start to wipe out the human race. Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller, with Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning.  
**11.10** **Film: Dodgeball!** A True Underdog Story. (2004) The struggling owner of a run-down gym tries to save his business by forming a team for the US dodgeball championships. Sporting comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.  
**1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Boozie: Bust-Ups & Brothels: Soho Blues. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Top Gear **7.50** **Film:** Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **10.00** in the Flesh **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** Jamie: Private School Girl **12.45** in the Flesh **1.40** Sweet the Small Stuff **2.10** Impractical Jokers **2.40** Bamboo **3.00** in the Flesh **4.00** Close  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Rabbits of Skomer **7.10** **Film:** In Which We Serve (1942) **9.00** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **10.30** The Wonder of Bees with Martha Kearney **11.00** Frank Sinatra: The Voice of the Century – Arena Special **12.35** Sings the Great American Songbook **1.35** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1978 **2.25** Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World **3.55** Close  
**ITV2**  
**12.05** You've Been Framed! **12.35** **Film:** Beethoven (1991) **1.20** Funniest Ever You've Been Framed! **3.20** You've Been Framed! **4.20** Britain's Got Talent **5.45** Britain's Got More Talent **6.45** You've Been Framed! **7.15** **Film:** Star Wars: Episode I – Attack of the Clones (2002) **10.00** Viral Tap **10.50** **Film:** White Chicks (2004) **1.05** Viral Tap **1.45** Mon **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
**11.20** The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes **12.25** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.35** Rosemary & Thyme **3.40** Goodbye Mr Chips **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** The Zoo **9.00** Birds of a Feather **9.30** Vicious **10.00** **Film:** Intolerable Cruelty (2003) **12.10** Cracker **1.15** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.50** Judge Judy **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale  
**ITV4**  
**11.00** Live British Touring Car Championship. Round three from Thruxton. **6.30** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.30** Storage Wars **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Indian Premier League Cricket **10.00** **Film:** Senna (2010) **12.15** River Monsters **1.20** Warren United **1.50** Benidorm **2.20** Highway Patrol **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **5.00** Teleshopping  
**E4**  
**12.35** Made in Chelsea **1.35** Revenge **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **3.30** How I Met Your Mother **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** **Film:** Bride Wars (2009) **10.00** The Inbetweeners **11.05** Rude Tube: Rude Zoo **12.10** How I Met Your Mother **1.05** Rules of Engagement **2.00** Broke Girls **2.25** The Ricky Gervais Show **3.20** Hollywoods  
**Film4**  
**11.00** Titanic (1953) **1.00** 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) **2.55** Big Fish (2003) **5.20** From Up on Poppy Hill (2011) **1.10** Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (2007) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.25** House of Flying Daggers (2004) **1.45** Far North (2007) **3.40** Close



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## Film Choices

### MONDAY

#### National Treasure, BBC1, 3.45pm

An intrepid treasure-hunter follows a series of ingenious clues in a perilous quest to track down a war chest hidden by America's founding fathers generations before. He has to contend with determined rivals in the shape of a treacherous associate and the FBI. Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Sean Bean and Justin Bartha. (2004)

### TUESDAY

#### Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, ITV, 7.30pm

The adolescent wizard is unexpectedly chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious magical tournament, despite being legally too young to enter. He joins champions of three magical academies to face deadly monsters in a series of challenges. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe, Robbie Coltrane, Ralph Fiennes, Michael Gambon, Rupert Grint, Emma Watson, Brendan Gleeson and Robert Pattinson. (2005)



National Treasure, Monday, BBC1, 3.45pm

### WEDNESDAY

#### The Boat That Rocked, ITV, 10.35pm

A host of eclectic DJs entertain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea. However, a high-ranking government official is determined to bring an end to the rogue outfit and the individuals responsible for its continued existence. Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Kenneth Branagh and Nick Frost. (2009)

### THURSDAY

#### Her Husband's Betrayal, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A woman is suspicious of her husband's strange behaviour and starts spying on him. She thinks she has caught him having an affair, only to find the truth is far worse – he has committed a murder and framed her for it, and threatens to kill her son if she does not confess to the crime. Thriller, starring Jacqueline MacInnes Wood and Shawn Roberts. (2013)

### FRIDAY

#### GoldenEye, ITV, 10.35pm

James Bond heads for Russia to investigate the connection between the theft of an experimental helicopter and an orbital satellite weapon with the power to devastate entire cities. He discovers both have fallen into the hands of a mysterious criminal mastermind with a grudge against Britain and a connection with 007's past. Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean, Izabella Scorupco and Famke Janssen. (1995)

## Pick of the Week

# James lives the dream as duo hit the road

There's a theory that at some point in recent years James Corden and Gary Barlow signed a deal which ensured they would dominate British TV screens for a chunk of the Noughties, and beyond.

Given the former's work on Gavin & Stacey, not to mention his success on stage, there's perhaps little wonder. As for Gary, well he's more ubiquitous than Deirdre Barlow these days, with assorted excellent shows, whether raising money for Comic Relief, visiting the troops in Afghanistan or welcoming in the New Year in a dazzling BBC1 extravaganza.

We didn't really need another show paying tribute to the multi-award winning singer/songwriter, although with an online campaign attempting to get one of his old singles to number one, there is an added degree of topicality. So settle back 'GBArmy' and Cordenites and enjoy their version of The Trip.

No impressions of Ronnie Corbett alas, but we do follow Gary's long

career, from how it began; the Take That phenomenon; the wilderness years, and the darker times which inspired his lyrics.

After a lengthy intro, in which James loads up Gary's Range Rover with random items of baggage, they talk about stag dos and the fact that Barlow has chosen now to make a documentary like this to "close the door on a pretty rubbish time". Of course given the fact he's just performed at a sold out arena tour around the UK, it's easy to forget that a decade ago there seemed like little chance of that being possible.

In 2004, Take That were history. Barlow's debut album wasn't the success many had hoped for, and it looked like his days under the spotlight had come and gone.

However, in recent years he's staged a Lazarus-like comeback, scoring a string of chart smashes as the reformed Take That rekindled the interest of their fans, and won over a new generation of followers. Their hugely successful gigs, either as a four piece or with original group

member Robbie Williams, wowed the masses, while Barlow's aforementioned solo shows left his thousands of fans hoarse with delight.

In this show, he and James visit key places in Gary's career, including the Working Men's Club where Barlow learned his craft with 600 or so performances. "I've always felt older, and I've always felt, whether I was in the band or whatever situation I was in, I was the responsible one," Gary tells James. First stop is the studio where Barlow and his band rehearse for the gigs while a starstruck Corden looks on.

Then there's a trip down memory lane as we are treated to clips and photos from Gary's formative years; his impressive rendition of The Way You Make Me Feel, complete with stage kick is priceless. Later, they visit the nightclub where Take That first auditioned, and there are laughs as Gary surprises one of his own fans on their wedding day. Among the contributors are Elton John, Robbie, Gary's mother and members of the Press and music industry.



When Corden Met Barlow, Monday, BBC1, 9pm

## Best of the Rest

### MONDAY

#### Draw It!

Channel 4, 4.30pm

Remember the 1990s series Win, Lose or Draw, in which two teams comprising of celebrities and ordinary mortals competed in a game that involved one person drawing an object or phrase, and the others guessing what they're attempting to depict? Well, it's back – sort of. Draw It! is certainly along very similar lines, a kind of TV version of Pictionary in which two teams – one headed by Nadia Sawalha, the other by Anton du Beke and both featuring a member of the public – tackle timed drawing challenges. After three rounds, the team with the least points leaves, and the one remaining takes part in a final game that could see them win a bundle, or walk away with nothing. Mel Giedroyc hosts.

#### The Island with Bear Grylls

Channel 4, 9pm

We may moan about how stressful and demanding it is, but is modern life actually dulling our survival instincts? This new series find out if British men still now how to rough it, as adventurer Bear Grylls takes a group of 13 blokes and essentially abandons them on a remote, uninhabited Pacific island with just the clothes on their backs and a few basic tools. Will they resort to rise to challenge, or will they resort to Lord of the Flies-style savagery, interspersed with bouts of sobbing? Just making it through the first episode is going to be tough, as Bear drops the group at of their new home, where they are forced to battle through dense overgrowth in search of shelter.

### TUESDAY

#### Miller's Mountain

BBC1, 10.40pm

The Beeb has dusted down the Comedy Playhouse format in the hope of finding a gem of an idea worth turning a full series. Last week we were treated to the promising Over to Bill, while this time it's Miller's Mountain, which focuses on the antics of Jimmy Miller and his fellow Mountain Rescue volunteers. Veteran Jimmy takes new volunteer Conor under his wing, introducing him to dog-obsessed Bill, chirpy head of operations Bernie and Jules, the local pub barmaid. All seems to go well until somebody actually needs to be rescued from the nearby mountain... Jimmy Chisholm, Kevin Guthrie and Sharon Rooney head the cast. Will we see it in the future as a series? Only time will tell...

### WEDNESDAY

#### The Supervet

Channel 4, 8pm

You can tell Noel Fitzpatrick is no ordinary animal doctor – for a start, he has two very cool nicknames. According to the title of this new series, he's the Supervet but he's also known as the Bionic Vet – and that's because he runs one of the most advanced practices in Britain. Neil and his team of over a hundred surgeons, nurses, ward attendants and physiotherapists use some of the most cutting-edge treatments available to cure pets from

across the country that might otherwise be considered beyond saving. In this first episode, David, Gill and their son Freddie are pinning their hopes on Noel as their Labrador Scooby battles a life-threatening tumour in his leg.

#### Billy Connolly's Big Send Off

ITV, 9pm

Death doesn't have to be morbid – just ask Billy Connolly. The stand-up comedian has always been fascinated with how people deal with their own mortality, and in this documentary he's looking at the many different beliefs and rituals that surround it. He explains: "I'm going to strip away the taboos to reveal that far from the doom and gloom you may expect, the world of death is full of wonderful people doing some extraordinary things." It's a journey that begins at the National Funeral Directors Association convention in Texas, where death is big business, and the items up for sale include an eco death-suit threaded with mushroom spores, which helps to turn corpses into compost.



Billy Connolly's Big Send Off, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

themselves to workplace discussion the next day. Not so much Posh Pawn, for fear of being overheard and misunderstood. Dodgy homophones aside, though, this series following high-end pawnbroker James Constantinou is proving endlessly entertaining. This week, a former model named Cathy wants to start her own lingerie business, and so brings in her collection of designer bags and jewellery in the hope of securing a £50,000 loan. Meanwhile, James attracts the wrong kind of attention when he takes a client's Ferrari for a spin, and an inventor decides it's time he parted with his precious watch.

### FRIDAY

#### The Minster

BBC2, 8pm

New documentary series filmed over the course of a year that goes behind the scenes at York Minster, beginning during the busy run-up to Easter as head verger Alex Carberry has to overcome a fear of heights to drape a cloth over a giant crucifix. The cathedral's own police force responds to an emergency call and stonemasons prepare to carve a new version of the mysterious weathered figure at the pinnacle of the east window.

#### The Trip to Italy

BBC2, 10pm

Steve's son Joe and his assistant Emma join him and Rob on the final leg of their culinary tour of Italy as they take the ferry from Naples to Capri, where they have lunch at Il Riccio. Afterwards, Rob asks Emma for advice about whether he should go back to Lucy.

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

- 1. Justice characteristic of the Scandinavians (8)
- 5. Very keen to do a turn as a singer (4)
- 9. 50 amp. bulb? (4)
- 10. Lend a car out as something for daily use (8)
- 11. It's sung in pleasantly rich surroundings (5)
- 12. Cow-catchers? (7)
- 13. They figure a great deal in population surveys (13)
- 18. Exit angrily, to destroy (5,3)
- 19. He's on about being present (4)
- 20. Noise or disturbance can be wearing (7)
- 21. There's space to travel in it (5)
- 22. Trifles - child's play really (4)
- 23. Influence of a converted priest, for example (8)

#### Down

- 2. He studies make-up (7)
- 3. Create a fresh impression (7)
- 4. Hot-looking athlete or climber (7-6)
- 6. Huntress follows in a state (7)
- 7. Stops and takes into custody (7)
- 8. Decimal used in some tricky calculations (6)
- 13. His guilt is a possibility (7)
- 14. Perhaps to many a branch of medicine (7)
- 15. Harm one thousand and two (6)
- 16. People who do so get what's coming to them (7)
- 17. Dealing with someone with a complaint (7)

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### Quick Clues:

#### Across

- 1. Vigorous (8)
- 5. Possesses (4)
- 9. Boast (4)
- 10. Sticky (8)
- 11. Rash (5)
- 12. Slumberer (7)
- 13. Some time (6,2,5)
- 18. Check (8)
- 19. Depravity (4)
- 20. Italian wine (7)
- 21. Sag (5)
- 22. Near (4)
- 23. Replied (8)

#### Down

- 2. Violent wind (7)
- 3. Alleviate (7)
- 4. Ill-health (13)
- 6. Racing dog (7)
- 7. Clipper (7)
- 8. Disclose (6)
- 13. Opponent of the Crusaders (7)
- 14. Ejecting (7)
- 15. Mission (6)
- 16. Unfavourable (7)
- 17. Envelop (7)

## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Record; 4 Spread; 9 Debt-collector; 10 Calls up; 11 Aired; 12 Light; 14 Relay; 18 Cream; 19 Incense; 21 Cheerlessness; 22 Attest; 23 Beaten. Down: 1 Reduce; 2 Co-belligerent; 3 Races; 5 Prelate; 6 Entertainment; 7 Deride; 8 Slips; 13 Humerus; 15 Acacia; 16 Vices; 17 Reason; 20 Chaste. QUICK - Across: 1 Modest; 4 Stable; 9 Miscellaneous; 10 Lingers; 11 Ether; 12 Sever; 14 Users; 18 Strip; 19 Deprive; 21 Entertainment; 22 Desert; 23 Chaste. Down: 1 Mumble; 2 Disintegrates; 3 Sieve; 5 Tenders; 6 Brotherliness; 7 Ensure; 8 Close; 13 Emper; 15 Ascend; 16 Idea; 17 Settle; 20 Finch.

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# star★extraTRAVEL

## Japan

Japan – an ancient culture of emperors, fierce shoguns, samurais and brutal martial arts. Yet it's also a place of gentle geishas, colourful kimonos, exquisite garden design and Zen Buddhism.

The tour covers three of Japan's capitals, both past and present: Tokyo, Kyoto and Nara.

There's the chance to ride on a high speed bullet train past iconic Mt. Fuji, a trip by aerial gondola to see the Owakudani 'Boiling Valley' and the option to stay at a typical Japanese inn, bathe in a hot spring, and see the spot where the first atom bomb was detonated.

In Tokyo see its most fascinating districts, including the shopping and entertainment mecca of Ginza and the Akihabara electronic town – home to one of the first stores devoted to personal robots. Then to the north of the city there's the scenic area Nikko National Park, relatively unknown outside Japan. Surrounded by breathtaking lakes, waterfalls, forests and hot springs, a visit is made to one of the country's most extraordinary shrines - dedicated to one of its great Shogun warriors.

Kyoto, still considered to be its cultural heart has carefully retained far more of historical Japan than any other major city. With exquisite shrines, temples, Zen gardens and traditional handicrafts, the city is an absolute treasure-trove.

Nara, Japan's first capital, dates back to the eighth century. Here, traditional culture first took root and is famous for its great Buddhist monuments including a large bronze buddha as well as time-honoured festivals.

Hiroshima is forever destined to be synonymous with the world's first use of an atomic bomb and a visit is made to the Peace Memorial Park and museum, with the shattered remains of the nearby dome marking the epicentre of the blast.

On this holiday of a lifetime prepare for wonderful service, the world's politest people and be immersed in this extraordinary culture of contrasts, where the neon lights and gadgetry of huge futuristic cities live side by side with ancient shrines and hot spas.

**FROM £2,799\***  
13 days Various departure dates

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Return flights
- 11 nights bed and breakfast accommodation plus three meals
- Two journeys on bullet trains
- Visit the Nikko National Park
- Visit to Hiroshima's Peace Park and museum
- Scenic boat trip: Tokyo's Asakusa district to the luxury shops in Ginza
- See the volcanic Owakudani 'Boiling Valley' by aerial gondola
- Tours of Tokyo, Kyoto and Nara
- Option to stay a night in a Ryokan, a traditional Japanese Inn, learn origami, traditional flower arranging or Japanese cooking
- Escorted by a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability – supplement applies

\* various according to departure dates please go to website for the latest prices and availability

Organised by Riviera Travel (ABTA V4744, ATOL 3430)

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## Wimbledon 2014 Finals weekend

Soak up the unique atmosphere of the world's premier Grand Slam tennis championships at Wimbledon this summer.

From a reserved seat, see the stars of the future and yesteryear on No.1 Court or view the live action from Centre Court on the large screen TV situated on 'Henman Hill'.

Taste the famous strawberries and cream and maybe visit the award-winning Wimbledon Lawn Tennis museum (entrance fee payable locally), with fascinating films and interactives, as well as the resident 'ghost' of John McEnroe.

This short break also includes a visit to the picturesque town of Windsor with its magnificent castle (tickets are available to pre-book for a supplement).

**PRICE FROM £135**

**Two days departing July 5 or 6**

**Price includes:**

- Return coach travel
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- Visit to Windsor
- Services of a tour manager
- Single rooms subject to availability - supplement applies

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# Mock Tudor home sited on a good corner plot



A UNIQUE mock Tudor detached family residence on a splendid corner position in the highly regarded area of Broadway North, Walsall, has the advantage of additional off-road parking.

It is for sale through Fraser Wood at £375,000. With gas central heating and double glazing it has a reception hall, through lounge, dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility room, lobby, cloakroom, five bedrooms, an en-suite shower room, luxury bathroom, long block paved driveway, gardens with a paved patio area Contact 01922 627686 or visit [www.fraser-wood.co.uk](http://www.fraser-wood.co.uk)



# Four bedrooms in a Stone Cross bungalow



A DETACHED four-bedroomed bungalow in Bustleholme Lane, Stone Cross, West Bromwich has recently come on to the market.

With a walled and gated frontage, it is for sale via Bartrams at £295,000. With central heating and double glazing it has a reception hall with a wood burning fire and tiled flooring and a feature cast iron turned staircase to the first floor, a front facing dining room with a bay window, a lounge with wall mounted electric fire and bay window, a bathroom with chrome heated towel rail, splash back tiling, three piece suite with a corner bath, bedroom one has tiled en suite and wardrobes, a kitchen with light wood units, electric hob and cooker, dishwasher, conservatory/lean-to with storage, a garage, of the three other bedrooms one has fitted wardrobes. Contact Bartrams on 0121 6019370 or visit [www.bartrams.com](http://www.bartrams.com)



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**NEW**

**HALESOWEN, Merrick Close** £895 pcm - Fees  
An immaculate link detached house in prime location of the Squirelets Estate. Featuring a delightful lounge, dining room, conservatory, fitted breakfast kitchen with white goods, utility, downstairs WC, 3 double bedrooms, 1 single bedroom, master bedroom with en-suite, bedroom 2 having en-suite shower room, family bathroom, loft room. The property benefits from ample driveway parking and rear garden. Not to be missed! EPC: D

**HALESOWEN, Bromsgrove Road** £875 pcm - Fees  
Located in the desirable area of Romsley, this unfurnished semi detached house features gas central heating, modern and spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, loft space, front & rear gardens, garage, fantastic views. Viewing strongly recommended. EPC: E

**NEW**

**HALESOWEN, St Keneilms Avenue** £795 pcm - Fees  
A rare opportunity to rent a spacious detached bungalow in this very sought after location. Featuring a spacious lounge conservatory, real oak quality fitted kitchen with appliances, 2 double bedrooms, large bathroom with separate shower. A further double bedroom with shower room on the 1st floor. Double garage, large rear garden. Parking for several cars. EPC: E

**NEW**

**HALESOWEN, Tay Grove** £725 pcm - Fees  
Beautifully presented in the sought after location of Hurst Green. This freshly decorated semi detached house features a large through lounge, modern kitchen, 2 double bedrooms and 1 single bedroom, house bathroom with shower, large rear garden, driveway parking for 2 cars and a garage. EPC: TBC

**NEW**

**BARTLEY GREEN, Ox Leasow** £675 pcm - Fees  
We are pleased to offer a large mid terraced property with 4 good size bedrooms, impressive dining/kitchen, large living room, downstairs wc, and modern family bathroom with shower. This property also features an easy to maintain rear garden, large driveway for 3 cars and a garage. Local amenities and good public transport links are close by. EPC: C

**HALESOWEN, Nimmings Road** £650 pcm - Fees  
Large end terraced property close to Blackheath Town Centre & Rowley Regis Train Station. Featuring a spacious lounge, fitted kitchen/dining area, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, central heating, double glazing, rear garden with garage to rear of property - driveway parking for up to 3 cars. Available immediately. EPC: D

**HALESOWEN, Cherry Orchard Avenue** £600 pcm - Fees  
Sited in a well sought after location of Halesowen, this well presented 2 bedroom semi detached house features 1 double and 1 large single bedroom, fitted kitchen with dining area, great size lounge, house bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, driveway parking, garage to rear, front and rear gardens. EPC: TBC

**NEW**

**HALESOWEN, Fatherless Barn Crescent** £550 pcm - Fees  
A very well presented semi-detached house, in a sought after area for Colley Lane Primary School and bus links and with great views from the rear bedrooms, comprising of: large living room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, double glazing, gas central heating, front and rear gardens, driveway for 2 cars. EPC: D

**NEW**

**HALESOWEN, Green Lane** £550 pcm - Fees  
An unfurnished end of terraced property close to all amenities featuring 3 double bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, new upstairs bathroom with shower, double glazing throughout, gas central heating, off-road secure parking space at rear of property. EPC: TBC

**NETHERTON, Purlin Wharf** £550 pcm - Fees  
A very presentable, unfurnished ground floor apartment on this popular development, ideally located for canal walks. This property features 2 double bedrooms, master with en-suite, spacious lounge, modern fitted kitchen, family bathroom with white suite, double glazing, electric heating, 1 allocated parking space. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: TBC

**HALESOWEN, Hawne Court** £525 pcm - Fees  
Located in a quiet, desirable neighbourhood is this well kept ground floor apartment situated at the end of a peaceful cul de sac, offering a spacious living room, modern fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, 2 double bedrooms, gas central heating, bathroom with fitted shower, allocated parking space with garage. EPC: D

**QUARRY BANK, Charles Road** £525 pcm - Fees  
Within walking distance to Quarry Bank shops and bus links. This property is also close by to Cradley Heath Train Station and Merry Hill. This home features 2 bedrooms, spacious lounge, large fitted dining kitchen, bathroom with shower, paved driveway and rear gardens. EPC: TBC

**CRADLEY HEATH, Reddal Hill Road** £500 pcm - Fees  
Modern 2 bedroom ground floor flat within walking distance to shops and transport links. This property features a spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms both with fitted wardrobes, bathroom with shower, electric storage heaters, double glazing, allocated parking. Available now. EPC: G

**HALESOWEN, Albany Court** £475 pcm - Fees  
An unfurnished ground floor flat in a sought after location. Featuring 2 large double bedrooms, large living room, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower. Other benefits include electric storage heating, communal gardens, parking. EPC: TBC

**HALESOWEN, Peckingham Street** £495 pcm - Fees  
Wonderfully refurbished with original features. This lovely apartment is immediately available with fantastic convenience centre of town. Ring us now to view this lovely light and airy flat. The apartment has a modern kitchen with new appliances and useful utility room. With 2 double bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. EPC: D

**CRADLEY HEATH, Luanne Close** £495 pcm - Fees  
Sited in this popular residential area overlooking the canal and with its own balcony. This top floor apartment features 2 bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower, access to balcony from the lounge and master bedroom, gas central heating, double glazing, allocated parking. Well worth a viewing. EPC: B

**BRIERLEY HILL, Foxdale Drive** £475 pcm - Fees  
This unfurnished and terraced property is in close proximity to both Merry Hill Shopping Centre and Briery Hill. The house features 1 double bedroom with fitted wardrobes and 1 single bedroom, house bathroom with shower, nice size lounge, fitted kitchen, allocated parking, small front garden. EPC: C

**LYE, Summer Street** £385 pcm - Fees  
This lovely 1st floor apartment which is being re-decorated features 1 double bedroom, brand new fitted kitchen, bathroom with shower off the taps, spacious lounge, allocated parking and large communal gardens. EPC: C

**DUDDLEY, Austin House** £350 pcm - Fees  
Sit back in your lounge and watch the narrow boats go by from your ground floor canal side apartment. This newly decorated and carpeted apartment features an open plan lounge/new kitchen with appliances, sky tv fittings, modern shower room, 1 double bedroom with a fitted wardrobe, allocated parking at the rear, electric heating. Available now. EPC: D

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£249,950

This modern detached house situated in a cul-de-sac comprises lounge, separate dining room, (formerly the garage) and four bedrooms. Halesowen

Fairfield Road, Hurst Green



£170,000

Semi detached property with lounge, second reception room, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, upstairs WC and three bedrooms. Halesowen

Apperley Way, Halesowen



Offers Over £150,000

A detached house briefly comprising lounge, kitchen breakfast room, downstairs V/C, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Halesowen

Walton Close, Rowley Regis



£145,000

This semi detached property situated in a cul-de-sac comprises lounge diner, extended kitchen breakfast room, three bedrooms and bathroom. Halesowen

Woodfield Avenue, Cradley Heath



£125,000

Double fronted terraced house with accommodation comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. Halesowen

Green Lane, Halesowen



£75,000

This traditional mid terraced property comprises lounge, three bedrooms and rear garden. Halesowen.

Apperley Way, Halesowen



£60,000

First floor flat offering lounge, kitchen breakfast room, bedroom, bathroom, communal gardens and allocated parking. Halesowen

View Drive, Dudley



£250,000

Detached four bedroom property with lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen/diner, study, utility, en-suite and family bathroom.

Watsons Green Road, Dudley



Offers Over £210,000

Detached four bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen/diner, utility, downstairs WC and bathroom.

Bradleys Lane, Wallbrook



£165,000

Semi detached five bedroom property comprising lounge/diner, study, kitchen/diner, downstairs WC, utility, two en-suites and a family bathroom.

Cowley Drive, Dudley



£155,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen, two reception rooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

Public Notice



£122,500

We have received an offer of £124,000 on 91 Monins Avenue, Tipton, West Midlands, DY4 7XP. Any interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

Highfield Road, Tipton



£107,500

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

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Offers Over £100,000

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**£359,950** Ref: D1447

GREEN LANE, QUINTON



SUPERB EXTENDED detached home with GARAGE. NO CHAIN. UPVC conservatory overlooking LANDSCAPED gardens. 2 lounge areas & separate dining room. D/S WC & utility cupboard. REFITTED en suite shower room & REFITTED family bathroom. 4 bedrooms on 1st floor. UPVC DG & GCH. 23ft garage & block paved driveway. EPC rating: E Ref: D1443  
**£275,000** Ref: D1443

FRANKLEY AVENUE, HALESOWEN



4 bedroom EXTENDED home with garage. EXTENDED kitchen & UPVC CONSERVATORY. 20ft max lounge & separate dining room. Master fitted bedroom with ENSUITE shower room. 3 further bedrooms & family bathroom. Block paved driveway and integral GARAGE. Lawned rear garden with private aspect. In SOUGHT AFTER area. EPC Rating: E Ref: D1182  
**£209,950** Ref: D1182

NEWBURN CROFT, QUINTON



IMPROVED detached home in CUL-DE-SAC location. REFITTED kitchen, 2 reception rooms & utility room. REFITTED bathroom, REFITTED WC & 3 GOOD SIZE bedrooms on 1st floor. GARAGE & driveway to front. Lawn gardens to rear. UPVC DG & gas central heating fitted. EPC rating: E Ref: D1444  
**£204,950** Ref: D1444

NARROW LANE, HALESOWEN



EXTENDED & well presented DETACHED home with driveway & GARAGE. 14ft lounge & 19ft kitchen diner. ALSO a 2nd lounge & study. Having UPVC conservatory, utility room & d/s WC. REFITTED family bathroom & 3 bedrooms. UPVC DG & gas central heating. Lawn rear garden with patio area. EPC rating: D Ref: D1400  
**£199,950** Ref: D1400

RIDGACRE LANE, QUINTON



Link-detached home with NO UPWARD CHAIN. REFITTED kitchen & 2 reception rooms. REFITTED d/s shower room & REFITTED w/s bathroom. 3 bedrooms. GARAGE & driveway. Lawn rear garden. UPVC DG & gas central heating. EPC rating: E Ref: D1441  
**£179,950** Ref: D1441

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY



EXTENDED semi-detached home with driveway & GARAGE. Fitted kitchen & 2 reception rooms PLUS SUN LOUNGE/UTILITY. 3 bedrooms & REFITTED bathroom with shower cubicle & bath. Lawn rear garden with SOUTH WESTERLY aspect. UPVC DG & gas central heating. EPC rating: D Ref: D1437  
**£159,950** Ref: D1437

GLYN FARM ROAD, QUINTON



EXTENDED home with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EXTENDED 16ft kitchen, side veranda & 2 reception rooms. 3 bedrooms & shower room on 1st floor. BLOCKPAVED driveway to front & lawn gardens with SOUTHERLY aspect to rear. Gas central heating & majority double glazed. EPC rating: E Ref: D1442  
**£154,950** Ref: D1442

REID ROAD, OLDBURY



Well presented EXTENDED semi with NO UPWARD CHAIN. 20ft lounge/dining room, kitchen & utility. 3 bedroom & bathroom on first floor. OFF ROAD PARKING for multiple vehicles. Enclosed rear garden with OPEN aspect. UPVC DG & gas central heating & alarm. EPC rating: Ref: D1445  
**£147,500** Ref: D1445

MERTON CLOSE, OLDBURY



NO UPWARD CHAIN - 2/3 bedroom town house in CUL-DE-SAC location. 21ft lounge diner & 11ft kitchen. 2 DOUBLE bedrooms & bathroom on 2nd floor. 3rd bedroom & downstairs WC on ground floor. Gas central heating & double glazed. Driveway to front & garden to rear. EPC rating: Ref: D1446  
**£109,950** Ref: D1446

SEYMOUR ROAD, OLDBURY



WELL PRESENTED Victorian terraced home. REFITTED kitchen & 2 reception rooms. Rear lobby & downstairs WC. REFITTED bathroom & 2 DOUBLE bedrooms. UPVC double glazing & gas central heating fitted. Paved rear garden. EPC rating: D Ref: D1440  
**£95,000** Ref: D1440

POUND ROAD, OLDBURY



UNFURNISHED - AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY - 3 bed semi - SPACIOUS accommodation, 2 reception rooms, fitted kitchen. Bathroom on first floor, GCH & DBG (Majority). NO DSS - NO PETS - NO SMOKERS - EPC Rating - Admin fee of £100 per tenant  
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Woodbury Road

- \* Extended Bungalow
- \* Two Bedrooms
- \* Extended Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- \* Extended Living Room
- \* Shower Room
- \* Garage
- \* No Upward Chain EPC=E

Offers in the region of £169,950

OLDBURY Off Kingsway



Hamilton Street

- \* Modern Semi-Detached House
- \* Three Bedrooms (bed 1 with ensuite)
- \* Fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- \* The price details a 50% share on a shared ownership basis subject to payment of rent in respect of the remaining share. EPC=C

Offers in the region of £72,500

Rowley Regis



Dudley Road

- \* A lovely semi-detached house
- \* High quality finish
- \* Well appointed shower room \* Two bedrooms \* Lounge \* Dining room
- \* \*Lean-to conservatory/breakfast area
- \* Superb fitted kitchen \* Fitted cloakroom \* Attractive rear garden
- \* Gas boiler heating radiators
- \* Double glazed windows
- \* A must view property EPC=E

Offers in the region of £139,950

Oldbury



Broadway Croft

- \* Extended Semi Detached
- \* Through Lounge & Dining Room
- \* Conservatory
- \* Kitchen, Utility and WC
- \* Well appointed bathroom & En-suite
- \* Side Garage EPC=D

£194,950

Quinton



Powell Avenue

- \* Mid terraced house
- \* Living room
- \* Kitchen/Dining room
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Garage in nearby EPC = D

Offers in the region of £124,950

Oldbury

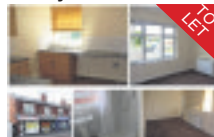


Plot 3 Site of 46 George Road

- \* Link detached bungalow
- \* Two parking spaces
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* L Shaped lounge/dining area
- \* Quality fitted kitchen with host of appliances \* Luxury bathroom with shower over bath
- \* Gas boiler heating radiators
- \* EPC = C

£185,000

Cradley Heath Old Hill



Flat Above 158 Halesowen Road

- \* Spacious 1st floor flat
- \* Large double bedroom with wardrobe
- \* SECURE GATED CAR PARK\*\*
- \* Neutral decoration \* Double glazed windows \* Electric heating
- \* Neutral carpets/floor coverings EPC=E
- \* Monthly rent of £365+ application fee
- \* £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £100 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.

Halesowen



Narrow Lane

- \* Bungalow
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Good sized living room
- \* Shower room
- \* Conservatory
- \* No chain
- \* EPC=D

£179,950

Oldbury



Swan Crescent

- \* In need of some general improvement
- \* Traditional style semi detached house
- \* 3 bedrooms \* Bathroom \* Lounge \* Dining room \* Kitchen \* Conservatory
- \* Gas boiler heating radiators \* Double glazed windows
- \* Garage space (subject to planning permission)
- \* Off road parking \* Vacant possession available EPC=D

Offers in the region of £105,000

Oldbury



Sunnybank Road

- \* Superior detached family house
- \* Four bedrooms
- \* Lounge & Dining room
- \* Fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- \* Fitted cloakroom
- \* Well appointed bathroom & ensuite permission
- \* Enclosed gardens & large garage
- \* EPC = B

£275,000

Cradley Heath



Higgs Field Crescent

- \* Spacious detached bungalow
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Guest cloakroom
- \* Conservatory
- \* Garage
- \* EPC = D

Offers in the region of £199,950

Oldbury



Oldacre Road

- \* Semi Detached
- \* Two Bedrooms
- \* Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- \* Rear Garden
- \* EPC=D

£109,950

Cradley Heath



Bannister Street

- \* Builders Yard/Store
- \* 237.68 sq.m. (284 sq.yds.)
- \* Old Neil House in poor condition
- \* Vacant possession available

Offers in the region of £50,000

Cradley Heath



5 Mill Road

- \* Semi-detached house
- \* 2 bedrooms (1 with mirrored wardrobes) \* Fitted kitchen with some appliances \* Bathroom with shower over bath \* DG to most windows & Gas CH \* Enclosed rear garden
- \* Available now! \* EPC=D
- \* Monthly rent of £525+ application fee
- \* £135 (inc VAT) 1st tenant and £100 (inc VAT) each additional tenant. Deposit required 6 weeks rent.





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**OLDBURY****SUNNYBANK ROAD**

- Immaculate Detached Bungalow EPC Rating C
- Lounge Fitted Breakfast Kitchen Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms Master En-suite Family Bathroom W/c
- Side Garage Driveway garden To The Rear
- Internal Viewing Highly Recommended

**£329,950** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**HALESOWEN****COCKSHED LANE**

- Detached Property EPC Rating D
- Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
- Integral Garage Driveway Front and Rear Gardens
- Internal Viewing Recommended

**£210,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**OLDBURY****OAK ROAD**

- Traditional Bay Fronted Link Detached Property EPC Rating C
- Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms Family Bathroom W/c
- Benefiting From A Gas Fired Central Heating System and Double Glazing
- Side Garage Driveway Rear Garden

**£199,950** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**QUINTON****RIDGACRE LANE**

- Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D
- Two Reception Rooms Fitted Kitchen Utility Room Grd Floor W/c
- Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
- Side Garage Driveway Pleasant Rear Garden
- Internal Viewing Recommended To Appreciate Accommodation

**£190,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**OLDBURY****CASTLE ROAD WEST**

- Extended Semi Detached Property Awaiting EPC Rating E
- Lounge Dining Room Fitted Kitchen Downstairs Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
- Drive To Front Garden To The Rear
- Viewing Recommended No Upward Chain

**£180,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**QUINTON****WORLDS END LANE**

- Traditional Bay Fronted Semi Detached Awaiting EPC
- Lounge Dining Room Kitchen Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms Bathroom Separate W/c
- Front and Rear Gardens Garage To The Rear
- Property Benefits from Having No Upward Chain

**£175,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**OLDBURY****St KATHERINES ROAD**

- Traditional Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D
- Through Lounge Open Plan Kitchen/Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
- Garage Driveway Front and Rear Gardens
- Recently Refurbished Viewing Recommended No Upward Chain

**OIRO £145,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**OLDBURY****WESTMEAD DRIVE**

- Modern Semi Detached Property EPC Rating D
- Lounge Spacious Kitchen-Diner
- Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
- Garage Drive Gardens To Front Rear and Side
- Cul-de-sac Location Viewing Recommended

**£140,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**QUINTON****HIGH STREET**

- Period End Terrace Property EPC Rating E
- Lounge Fitted Kitchen Conservatory
- Two bedrooms Shower Room
- Gardens To The Front and Rear
- Internal Viewing Highly Recommended

**£135,000** QUINTON 0121 4217766
**ROWLEY REGIS****YORK ROAD**

- Semi Detached Property Awaiting EPC
- Lounge Kitchen-Dining Room Utility Room Cloaks W/c
- Three Bedrooms Bathroom W/c
- Benefiting From A Gas Central Heating System and Double Glazing
- Garage Driveway Garden To The Rear

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**Vauxhall's sixth generation Astra faces far tougher Focus-class family hatchback competition than it did at launch back in 2009.**

Hence a welcome package of improvements that has brought a smarter look, extra efficiency and slicker technology. It's more than enough to keep this car amongst the top three best sellers in the segment.

Here we home in on the Astra's Excite trim level priced from £19,845 on the-road. It's currently available with a £2,000 Deposit Contribution from Vauxhall. What's more, there's up to 5-year's 0% APR Representative flexible finance and Vauxhall includes a £2,000\*Deposit Contribution in with the current deal.

With the Astra Excite you can choose between eight exterior colours. It comes

comprehensively equipped, too, with specification that includes a mobile phone connection system with Bluetooth ® functionality, a six-speaker stereo system, steering wheel mounted controls, cruise control, 17-inch alloy wheels, a USB connection with iPod control, a leather covered sports steering wheel and Black cloth interior trim.

Though the aesthetic improvements made to this Astra are subtle, they do succeed in giving it a much fresher look. The rakish three-door Astra GTC provided the inspiration for many of the aesthetic changes made to five-door versions.

Under the bonnet in Astra Excite models, Vauxhall offers a 100PS 1.4-litre and 115PS 1.6-litre petrol engines with this trim level. Alternatively, there are two diesels, a 1.6 CDTi 110PS engine or a 1.7-litre CDTi diesel unit also delivering 110PS. Both diesels are mated to six-speed manual transmissions and all powerplants offer good economy and emissions lower enough to



keep company car drivers happy. The 1.6-litre diesel option is the most frugal though delivering 76.3mpg on the combined cycle.

Vauxhall's Astra is mainly British, with hatch and estate models built at Ellesmere Port near Liverpool to a quality at least as high as anything the Japanese brands can manage. That reason alone might be enough to give this car a place on your family hatchback shortlist. Fortunately for Vauxhall, there are also many others.

To the uninitiated, the Vauxhall Corsa might seem a very ordinary car as there are plenty of them around. However, drive one and you'll realise it's anything but. Since its introduction, Vauxhall has continuously fettled and polished the Corsa, turning it from a good car into an outstanding one. Sales figures suggest that the British public know a good thing when they see one.

Quality is very strong and the superiority of some of the materials in the cabin only underscores that impression. A 285-litre boot is more than adequate for the weekly shop or a weekend away and this can be extended to 1100 litres by folding the rear seats.

The Corsa is one of most attractive cars in its class. Meriva-style 'Eagle-Eye' headlamps with chrome finish and daytime running lights are fitted and the chrome detailing also extends to the fog lights.

With three-door prices starting from £11,985 and five-door prices beginning at £12,580 Corsa Excite trim level offers particularly good value for money, especially when you consider what Vauxhall includes in the package. Mobile phone

Bluetooth ® functionality, a decent stereo system with USB connection with iPod control, steering wheel mounted audio controls, twin electrically-adjustable and heated door mirrors, front fog lights and a Graphic information display system are all featured as standard. Then there's air conditioning, electrically heated front seats and leather covered steering wheel which is also heated! Don't forget too, that you'll also get that free Vauxhall Lifetime warranty\*.

With solid build quality, sharp driving manners and some of the most economical engines on offer anywhere, the Corsa more than stacks up. It is, in fact, a very good product. Factor in prices which usually undercut far less sturdy opposition and it's a small car that needs no excuses.

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It's a year since Brindley Kia's Tipton Red Cube Kia centre opened for business, and with the sales of new Kia rising beyond even the most optimistic expectations of the team, what a first year it has been!

Sales manager, Martin Broom, said: "Time has just flown by and we can hardly believe we are marking our first year already."

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To celebrate this important milestone in Brindley Kia's history, the team is holding a special Birthday Open Weekend event over the forthcoming May Bank Holiday.



It starts early on Friday, May 2 and finishes at close of business on the Bank Holiday Monday, May 5, which gives you plenty of time to take advantage of the outstanding deals available on the Kia range, including up to £2,000 savings off list price and low APR finance on brand-new Kias, and 0 per cent APR representative finance on selected Kia approved used models.

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Brindley Kia's ultra-modern complex in Tipton features a large glassy frontage which allows plenty of natural light to flood into the showroom.

There's a superb new car display area featuring Kia's smart new 'Red Cube' corporate design identity.

The Red Cube showroom facility offers enough room to comfortably accommodate 15 new Kia models.

New-look Kia branded signage is

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The game remained tight with only Shane Day (21-13) winning in the middle four but The George still led by five shots. A strong back four for The George saw them pull away with Marc Wilson (21-8), Steve Darling (21-11) and Steve Dicken (21-14) all winning to secure a 30 shot victory.

**South Staffs Premier Nordley 241**

**The George 150**  
The second team went down to 91-shot defeat but picked up three points with wins from Keith Walton (21-15), John Deakin (21-17) and Eric Winstone (21-20).

**Warwick & Worcester Alliance Division 2 Tanworth in Arden 224**

**The George 188**  
Life in Division 2 started with a 36-shot defeat. The George had wins from Dave James (21-9), Steve Wyton & Bob Sansom (both 21-14) and Bill Chiswell (21-19).

## Champion lines up for Masters

**Junior George Masters**  
THIS Bank Holiday Monday, May 5 starting at 10am sees the inaugural running of the Junior George Masters at the George Bowling Club, George Road, Oldbury.

The competition will see some of the best young crown green bowlers under 18 from Warwickshire, Shropshire, North Midlands and as far away as Lancashire competing for more than £300 in prize monies.

Amongst the competitors will be Adam Patrick from Great Barr who is the current Junior British Champion.

Spectators young and old are welcome and refreshments will be available all day.

# Back where we belong, say champs Yeltz

## Football

THE excitement is back at Halesowen Town now they have won the Evo Stik Division 1 Championship, according to the club manager John Hill.

Boss Hill: "It's been an unbelievable end to the season. A play-off spot was the target and we needed to keep winning and build momentum and that's led us to the title. It's exciting times once again here.

"Belper gave us a hard fight. We were outsiders at the start of the season but we deserve this title with nine straight wins."

Chairman Colin Brookes, said: "I'm overwhelmed, it's a great day, you could see just

what it meant to everyone that made the journey."

Midfielder Neil MacKenzie, said: "We wanted to prove a point. We didn't have one player in the league's team of the season and we have won the league.

"The whole squad has done brilliantly. With our budget we weren't expected to win the league, we are up against some big clubs with big budgets but we

have come out on top and fully deserved

it in the end. We've been the underdogs all season, and it's been absolutely amazing" said Kristian Green, who has played every single minute of Halesowen's campaign this season. "It went right to the wire, so there was no better way to win it"

Captain Joe Hull, who lifted the league title, said "We've worked so hard for this on and off the pitch. It was absolutely brilliant, the job was to get it done, and we did it" "Let's go again next season."

Ben Haseley, 39 goal leading striker, said: "I'm relieved after a nervous start. Our de-

fence was awesome." Away travel organiser Sheila Bradley said she was "exhausted but elated". "It's absolutely emotional" said a fellow Yeltz fan. "We've got the club back to where we deserve to be."

"Management Committee member and sponsor Mike Burke was "proud of what we achieved this season. This was more than we could have asked for and we hope to keep the fans happy next season."

"We could never have dreamt how far the club has come and been rebuilt in the last three years from a time when our very existence was in doubt."

# Ladies set up final place with big win

**Halesowen Ladies 6 Rushall 0**

**THE semi-finals of the Women's Open Cup saw a strong Halesowen side take on the talented Rushall team and come away with an emphatic victory.**

With head coach Karl Willis and Faye White giving the squad a good warm-up and preparation for the oncoming battle, the Yeltz team were ready, willing and able to meet the challenge of getting into the finals.

Halesowen, with confidence riding high, started out the better team.

They were rewarded within five minutes as winger Lyndsey Glover found unmarked striker Rachel Letford, who let fly an unstoppable shot into the top left hand corner.

The second came soon after a corner. A perfectly weighted cross from Glover found Halvey Chatwin, who had the easiest of tap in at the rear post.

Credit to Rushall, they still tried to create chances but against the best defence in the league they were always going to struggle.

Dominique McKee and partner in crime Charlotte Byatt were on hand to deal with any situation.

Both teams did have a chance to score and Halesowen had a goal disallowed late on in the half as Gemma Moss was unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet.

Halesowen really took control of the game and dominated in the second half.

Within five minutes of the restart Letford had made it three, again with great play by Glover on the

## Football

wing. The Yeltz midfield of Sarah Hammil and Tracey Haycock were controlling their patch of the park and creating chances for other players.

The fourth goal of the game came on the 56th minute. Left back Sabrina Dale came forward and from a quality pass from Glover, she controlled the ball and from outside the box placed it into the top right hand corner.

Halesowen were now in control and numerous chances came and went as most shots went over the bar. The excellent Rushall keeper also made some fine saves.

Substitute Chloe Harris was only on the pitch a couple of minutes when put through by Letford and she slotted the ball past the oncoming keeper.

Halesowen finished off the rout with Letford claiming her hat-trick late after nice work by Katie Moore.

Manager Scott McKee said: "Our football and the solidarity of the team is the best I've known it. The squad is playing incredibly amazing stuff; a joy to watch. Bring on the final."



Sarah Hammil in the middle of the action for Halesowen Ladies in the semi-final victory

## Recalled Langley keeps side safe

**Gornal Athletic 1**

**Heath Hayes 2**

UNPREDICTABLE Hayes produced a strong, brave performance to ensure they retained their place in Midland Alliance in a highly-charged relegation battle.

Without leading scorers Dave Waple and Chris Geldart, Steve Taylor recalled Adam Langley to play up front and he rewarded his manager's faith with an outstanding performance.

From the off, Gornal made their intentions clear with some robust challenges. However the visitors responded with some feisty play of their own.

Hayes opened the scoring on 21 minutes when a free-kick from Adam Robinson to the far post was headed back across goal by Tom Baggott for Adam Green to fire home. Dennis Love was yellow carded when he brought down Dennis Pickett.

Hayes started the second half well when a shot from Dan Scragg was only partly cleared and the ball fell to Langley 20 yards from goal and he drilled it into the net.

Gornal had Love sent off for a bad challenge. With six minutes left a Dreniz Bala goal gave his side hope.

## Case over Hughes is thrown out

STOURBRIDGE Saxons lock Ben Hughes will be able to continue playing after the case against him following his sending off in last Saturday's National Two North match against Harrogate was dismissed by a Rugby Football Union disciplinary panel.

Hughes pleaded not guilty to a charge of striking an opponent with his head contrary to Law 10.4(a) during the match which his side lost 41-19, now he will be free to continue playing following the panel's decision to dismiss the charge.

The hearing was held at the Coventry M6 Holiday Inn hotel by a panel comprised of John Brennan (chairman), Shaun Perry and Alex Nock.



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## Cradley storm to a new record

**MAGNIFICENT** Cradley continue to rewrite the record books after they stormed to a remarkable 71-19 home win over Buxton.

Having posted their biggest ever win with the 68-21 victory at Scunthorpe earlier this month, the Heathens reset the mark by breaking the 70-point barrier for the first time in the modern era, writes Rich Jones.

The home side struck a remarkable dozen 5-1s while five riders remained unbeaten against a largely inexperienced Buxton side.

Both Paul Starke and Steve Worrall remained relatively unchallenged as they stormed to faultless paid maximums – yet several of their team-mates were made to work much harder.

Tom Perry and Max Clegg continued their blossoming middle order partnership by going unbeaten, both displaying great speed and track craft in some tight races.

Team boss Will Pottinger praised his side.

**Cradley:** Paul Starke 14+1, Steve Worrall 14+1, Max Clegg 11+1, Tom Perry 10+2, Matt Williamson 9+3, Nathan Greaves 7+2, Danny Phillips 6+2

**Buxton:** Liam Carr 6, Tony Atkin 4, Tom Woolley 4, Sean Phillips 2+1, Ryan Blacklock 2, Adam Extance 1, Stefan Farnaby 0

## Track legend is returning

**CALIFORNIAN** superstar Billy Hamill will make an emotional return to the Black Country this summer.

The Cradley Heath Speedway legend, who raced for the club between 1990-1996, is to appear at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill on Sunday, July 27 for a special evening with fans.

Hamill, who is now the USA team manager, will be in the UK for the Monster Energy FIM Speedway World Cup and has agreed to appear for 'An evening with Billy Hamill' which is sure to be a sellout.

Tickets are £10 or £25 VIP tickets which includes a private reception with Billy, signed photograph, buffet and front row seats. Tickets are available from the Cradley track shop on race night or the club shop, Printwrox, Quarry Bank High Street, from 10am-3pm except Wednesday and Sunday.

# HOT-SHOT FIRES YELTZ TO TITLE



Sheer joy as The Yeltz squad celebrate a successful title-winning campaign to lift the championship trophy

**Belper Town 0 Halesowen Town 2**  
**HALESOWEN** Town lifted the Evo-Stik Division One South championship trophy after Ben Haseley's brace capped a spirited team performance.

It was a memorable day of drama at Christchurch Meadow and with rivals Coalville Town winning at Chasetown, the Yeltz had to win to make sure of the title.

It was fitting that 39-goal leading striker Haseley should come up with the goods.

Halesowen weathered an early onslaught from fourth-placed Belper with Jon Froggatt's sixth-minute effort cannoning off the

### Football

Yeltz crossbar following Steve Warne's initial attempt. But league leaders Halesowen stuck to their game plan and dared to dream after snatching a stylish 20th-minute lead with their first chance.

### Volley

Neil MacKenzie found Iyseden Christie down the right and he played the ball for Haseley to turn in the penalty area and fire the Yeltz ahead.

Kris Green crossed for Christie to volley over Belper's bar after 36 minutes but determined defending preserved the narrow half-time lead with Curtis Tilt making two crucial clearances.

At the start of the second period Aaron Cole broke free to put a good chance wide for the Nailers.

Tension mounted but the Yeltz kept calm and their well-organised defence restricted further chances.

The title started heading home to Halesowen when Haseley pounced from a yard out to double the lead in the 71st minute after the ball sailed over the head of Belper goalkeeper Scott Low when he misjudged a back header from Chris Jones.

With Belper beaten, the Yeltz controlled the final minutes before proudly lifting the trophy in party mood after the final whistle of an outstanding season in front of their massive army of jubilant travelling fans.

Manager John Hill said: "It's been an unbelievable end to the season. A play-off spot was the target and we needed to keep winning and build momentum and that's led us to the title. It's exciting times once again here." Chairman Colin Brookes added: "I'm overwhelmed, it's a great day, you could see just what it meant to everyone."

Haseley said: "I'm relieved after a nervous start. Our defence was awesome."

And captain Joe Hull, who lifted the league trophy, said: "We've worked so hard for this on and off the pitch."

### Silverware

Halesowen are after more silverware when they meet Division One North champions Curzon Ashton in the Peter Swales Challenge Shield on Saturday.

**Belper Town:** Low; Pride, Cullingworth, Marrison, Watt (Davis 45), Jones, Cole, Warne, Froggatt (Duncum 76), Wells (Ward 64), Harrison. Subs not used: Flint, Ratcliffe (gk). **Halesowen Town:** Sargeant; Green, Charlton, MacKenzie (Gueyes 87), Hull, Tilt, Griffiths, Tonks (Forde 76), Christie, Haseley (Danks 82), Turner. Subs not used: Kelly, Pearson (gk).

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## Hackett hopes for future

**Chesham United 2**  
**Stourbridge 1**

**STOURBRIDGE** manager Gary Hackett saw his side suffer play-off misery but believes the players are good enough to challenge next season.

Kayelden Brown handed the Glassboys the perfect start against the Calor Premier Division runners-up but goals either side of the break from Chesham strike pair Drew Roberts and Chris Dillon guided them through to a final against either Cambridge City or St Albans City.

"This team is good enough to mount a challenge whatever league we are in," the Glassboys manager said.

"The team that has finished this season is stronger than the one that finished last season and they have real potential. We now have to use this result as a motivating factor."

"It is bitter disappointment but there wasn't a great deal in the game. Credit to Chesham, they were far better than when we beat them 10 days ago but they were two poor goals to concede."

Brown's opener was a gem of a strike.

## Regis concerned on race campaign

**ALBION** legend Cyrille Regis said he fears an anti-racism social media campaign – inspired by Barcelona's Dani Alves – may detract from how serious it is.

The ex-Albion striker said: "The social media campaign does seem to help. But we shouldn't get away from the fact that this person was being racist."

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